

TOWN OF READING

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF RECEIPTS
and EXPENDITURES

For the Financial
Year Ending Dec. 31

1907





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TOWN OFFICERS, 1907-1908

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Fence Viewers

JAMES W. KILLAM, *Chairman*

OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Secretary*

GEORGE L. PRATT

Assessors

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1908

JOHN H. ADDEN, *Secretary* . . . " " 1910

MILLARD F. CHARLES . . . " " 1909

Town Clerk

MILLARD F. CHARLES

Treasurer

EDWARD F. PARKER

Collector of Taxes

HERBERT M. VIALI

Auditors

WM. H. BADGER

WM. T. RODDEN

CARL M. SPENCER

Board of Health

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1909
FREDERICK D. MERRILL, <i>Secretary</i>	.	" "	1908
GEORGE L. FLINT	.	" "	1910

School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1908
ELIZABETH H. BROWN	.	" "	1910
HENRY C. PARKER	.	" "	1910
JOHN H. ROBINSON	.	" "	1909
ARTHUR N. MANSFIELD (resigned)	.	" "	1909
HOWARD W. POOR	.	" "	1908
CHARLES A. LORING (chosen to fill vacancy)	"	"	1908
MELVILLE A. STONE, <i>Supt. of Schools, Sec'y</i>			

Water Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1910
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD, <i>Secretary</i>	.	" "	1909
E. HARLEY GOWING	.	" "	1908

Municipal Light Board

GEORGE L. FLINT, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1909
FRANK W. WILLIS, <i>Secretary</i>	.	" "	1908
WILLIAM C. BUCK	.	" "	1910

Trustees of Public Library

HORACE G. WADLIN, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1910
CYRUS M. BARROWS, <i>Secretary</i>	.	" "	1908
ARTHUR N. MANSFIELD	.	" "	1908

EDWARD P. GUILD . . .	Term expires 1909
HENRY G. KITTREDGE . . .	" " 1909
J. WOODWARD MANNING . . .	" " 1910

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery

GALEN A. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i> . . .	Term expires 1908
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY . . .	" " 1908
ALFRED W. DANFORTH, <i>Supt. and Sec'y</i> . . .	" " 1909
HENRY T. LEAVIS . . .	" " 1909
ALDEN BATCHELDER . . .	" " 1910
FRANK L. EDGERLEY . . .	" " 1910

Registrars

MILLARD F. CHARLES, <i>Clerk</i>	
GEORGE H. CLOUGH	OWEN McKENNEY
WALTER S. PRENTISS	

Engineers of Fire Department

FRANK G. NICHOLS, <i>Chief</i>	
ORVILLE O. ORDWAY	
	ALBION G. NICHOLS, <i>Clerk</i>

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

L. T. EAMES

Forest Firewards

HERBERT E. McINTIRE	WILLARD A. BANCROFT
JOHN N. WESTON	C. W. C. TRASK
FRANK W. DAVIS	

Constables

FREDERIC D. MERRILL

J. HENRY ORR

Police

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, *Chief, and Keeper of Lock-up*
 (resigned April 13, 1907)

WILLIAM T. LEGGETT, *Chief, and Keeper of Lock-up*

J. HENRY ORR

WM. H. MANNING

ROBERT POWERS

Specials

SAMUEL BROWN

WILLARD A. BANCROFT

JEREMIAH CULLINANE

JASON ZWICKER

ASA PARKER

GUY A. HUBBARD

ARTHUR E. DAVIS

CLEMENT GLEASON

J. MANDE DOUCETTE

HERBERT G. STOCK

OSCAR H. LOWE

WILLIAM J. ALLEN

JOHN W. SAUNDERS

WILLIAM H. KILLAM

WALTER P. GLEASON

WILLIAM C. SMITH

LEMUEL W. ALLEN

FRED G. MITCHELL

FRANK S. SENNETT

WILLIAM KIDDER

ALDEN W. SENNETT

Truant Officer

WILLIAM KIDDER

Superintendent of Streets

LEMUEL W. ALLEN

Local Supt. Moth Work

GUY A. HUBBARD

Keeper of Town Home

WILLIAM C. SMITH

Inspector of Plumbing

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY

Inspector of Animals, Slaughter Houses, Meats and Provisions

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRANK W. PARKER

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors

EPHRAIM WIGHT

Tree Warden

GUY A. HUBBARD

Finance Committee

JACOB MITCHELL, <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires Dec. 31, 1908				
ALDEN BATCHELDER . . .	"	"	"	"	"
F. E. CRAFTS . . .	"	"	"	"	"
ADELBERT E. BATCHELDER	"	"	"	"	"
F. M. SMITH	"	"	"	"	"
M. F. CHARLES, <i>Secretary</i> .	"	"	Dec. 31, 1907		
G. A. PARKER	"	"	"	"	"
M. A. STONE	"	"	"	"	"
E. L. LOVEJOY	"	"	"	"	"

SOLON BANCROFT	.	.	Term expires Dec. 31, 1907
J. WESLEY DAVIES	.	.	" " Dec. 31, 1909
JOHN CONNELLY	.	.	" " " " "
A. NEWELL HOWES	.	.	" " " " "
FRANK H. NUTTING	.	.	" " " " "
F. W. B. PRATT	.	.	" " " " "

Measurers of Wood and Bark

JAMES A. BANCROFT	CHARLES WAKEFIELD
HAROLD R. JONES	WENDELL BANCROFT
FRED'K WALLACE	

Surveyors of Lumber

JAMES A. BANCROFT	SAMUEL BROWN
WENDELL BANCROFT	JOSEPH W. KILLAM
ORA L. MILBURY	BURTON K. SYMONDS
WARREN M. WHITEHOUSE	EDWARD B. EAMES
WM. R. ZWICKER	GEO. L. FLINT

Weighers of Coal and Hay

CHAS. W. LEE	FREEMAN KELSO
FRED M. PLATTS	LUKE McKENNEY
W. IRVING BANCROFT	WM. H. WHITE
WENDELL BANCROFT	WM. BUCHANAN
GEORGE DANE	WEBSTER EAMES
HORACE J. HATCH	

Field Drivers

ASA PARKER	WILLARD A. BANCROFT
HERBERT G. STOCK	

REPORT OF
TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1907

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF PARENTS	OCCUP'N OF FATHER
1906				
July 1	Leo David Doucette	M	John M. and Emily (Froton) Doucette	Laborer
1907				
Jan. 8	George Albert Glidden	M	Herbert W. and Frances (McLaughlin) Glidden	Grocery Clerk
Jan. 9	Charles Foster Moulton	M	Charles W. and Henrietta (Holt) Moulton	Machinist
Jan. 9	Mary Beatrice Bridget O'Yorke	F	Patrick N. H. and Elizabeth (Dillon) O'Yorke	Letter Carrier
Jan. 14	Elroy Rollins Copeland	M	George O. and M. Mildred (Rollins) Copeland	Fireman
Jan. 17	Ruth Elizabeth Stevens	F	Edward H. and Edith (Willis) Stevens	Orange Grower
Jan. 23	Lawrence Stanley Crowe	M	Willard M. and Georgianna (Stanley) Crowe	Clerk
Jan. 23	Lloyd Gilson Field	M	Ethelbert C. and Florence E. (Killam) Field	Mechanic
Jan. 23	Joseph White	M	James and Maggie (JacQuard) White	Worker in Tannery
Jan. 26	Francis Vincent Geary	M	John A. and Annie (Geddes) Geary	Gypsy Moth Worker
Jan. 26	Elmer Baker Curtis	M	George A. and Mary A. (Farrar) Curtis	Superintendent
Jan. 28	Maybelle Louise Livermore	F	Henry L. and Stella (Harris) Livermore	Carpenter
Jan. 29	Marjorie Helen Buckle	F	George H. and Catherine (McCurdy) Buckle	Leather Salesman
Feb. 4	Byron Ellsworth Stiles	M	Frank G. and Etta E. (Johnson) Stiles	Fireman
Feb. 14	Ralph Francis Conti	M	Frank and Eleanor (Fiorani) Conti	Fireman
Feb. 21	George Louis Castine	M	Simon and Mary E. (Muisse) Castine	Watchman
Feb. 28	Helen May White	F	John W. and Martha White	Shoemaker
Mch. 6	William Granville Low	M	Oscar H. and Charlotte (Arthur) Low	Clerk
Mch. 6	Grace Mildred Richards	F	Walter E. and Sadie (Hanley) Richardson	Fireman
Mch. 8	John Homer Andrews	M	George A. and Aelaine (Archer) Andrews	R. R. Clerk
Mch. 8	Kenneth Abbott Andrews	M	George A. and Adelaide (Archer) Andrews	R. R. Clerk
Mch. 12	Bernice Pierce Crosby	F	Samuel A. and Gladys (Pierce) Crosby	Engineer
Mch. 15	William Harvey Kelch	M	William and Agnes (Pedgrift) Kelch	Farmer
Mch. 17	Mary Lillian Castine	F	Peter and Mary (Meuse) Castine	Teamster
Mch. 31	Catherine Marie Halligan	F	Edward M. and Ella M. (Bowman) Halligan	Physician
Mch. 31	Walter Doucette	M	James A. and Mary (Hubbard) Doucette	Carpenter
Apr. 1	Bernard Leroy Doucette	M	J. Mande and Minnie E. (Fitzpatrick) Doucette	Yard Master
Apr. 10	John Jackson Parker	M	William H. and Elvy J. (Hunt) Parker	Clergyman
Apr. 11	Kenneth Otis Morrison	M	Herbert E. and Lily A. (Strong) Morrison	Conductor
Apr. 15	Nellie Mary Marchetti	F	James and Mary (Bariatela) Marchetti	Rubber Worker
Apr. 21	Dorothy Norma Gilman	F	Harry C. and Eva G. (Robinson) Gilman	Telegraph Operator
Apr. 24	Jennie Louise Gaw	F	William and Ella L. (Waters) Gaw	Motorman
Apr. 28	Daniel Edward Ellis	M	Alfred and Alice (Shannahan) Ellis	Shoemaker
Apr. 30	Catherine Frances Muse	F	William H. and Mary E. (Doucette) Muse	Carpenter
Apr. 30	Helen Ferrick	F	James and Margaret (Higgins) Ferrick	Section Hand

May 8	Israel Benjamin Riseman	M	Jake and Rose (Levek) Riseman	Junk Dealer
May 8	Winthrop Lawrence Cutcliff	M	James E. and Josephine B. (Olson) Cutcliff	Printer
May 14	Richard Phelps Dow	M	George F. and Gertrude M. (Thresher) Dow	Physician
May 16	Ernest Thomas Bolton	M	Isaac and Catherine (Murray) Bolton	Machinist
May 124	Mary Eliza Meuse	F	Henry and Mary Meuse	Laborer
May 26	Frances Louise Dulong	F	Peter and Rose (Froton) Dulong	Conductor
May 27	Ruth Burrage	F	Alvah L. and Louise (Eames) Burrage	Civil Engineer
May 28	Archer Lendel Knight	M	Eugene L. and Emma L. (Matthews) Knight	Baggage Master
June 9	Elizabeth Emma Whall	F	Richard A. and Grace B. (Tozier) Whall	Rubber Worker
June 15	Helen Munroe Hunt	F	Albert F. and Lula A. (Cook) Hunt	Physician
June 17	Alice Jewell Judkins	F	Edward J. and Annie White	Machinist
June 19	Frances Mabel DeRenne	F	Charles E. and Alice G. (Lewis) Judkins	Paper Box Manfr
June 21	Bernard Traister Richardson	F	George H. and Annie (Laughton) DeRenne	Electric Car Barn
June 21	Barbara Frances Jeffrey	F	Harry M. and Florence A. (Cann) Richardson	Clerk
June 25	Richard Mason Olmstead	F	Percy L. and Amy (Saunders) Jeffrey	Florist
June 26	Emory Dwight Burgess	M	Wm. I. and Harriet L. (Mason) Olmstead	Salesman
June 26	Carleton Edgar Hubbard	M	Albert F. and Mary E. (Dwight) Burgess	Entomologist
June 30	Katherine Agnes Quinlan	F	Arthur F. and Della (Eaton) Hubbard	Employee B. & M. R. R.
July 4	Charles Edward Nichols	M	Michael S. and Mary E. (McCurdy) Quinlan	Upholsterer
July 5	Alma Gertrude Babine	F	Louis I. and Annie E. (McTeague) Nichols	Ass't Shipper
July 8	Evelyn Averill Gray	F	Leslie and Minnie (Jacquith) Babine	Carpenter
July 9	Marion Katherine Dewey	F	Robert G. and Bertha L. (Parker) Gray	Soda Fountain Mfrgr.
July 15	John Jacob Mudgett	M	Osman and Katherine (Skiffington) Dewey	Clerk
July 17	James Walter White	M	John H. and Mary E. (Jackson) Mudgett	R. R. Fireman
July 17	Mary Annie White	F	Joseph H. and Elizabeth (Froton) White	Gardener
July 26	Katherine May Howard	F	Thomas and Marie (Babine) White	Moth Worker
July 31	Heloise Williams Playdon	F	Fred J. and Katherine (Kaulback) Howard	Shoemaker
Aug. 8	Ruth Evelyn Welch	F	Calvert H. and Alice M. (Haley) Playdon	Veterinary Surgeon
Aug. 14	Thelma Lillian Alward	F	Wm. F. and Mary E. (Buckle) Welch	Milkman
Aug. 14	Eleanor May Frost	F	Ernest C. and Alice M. (Stewart) Alward	Grocery Clerk
Aug. 18	Weldon Russell Black	M	John E. and Sadie A. (Parker) Frost	Brakeman
Aug. 20	Doris Natalie Swain	F	Weldon C. and Mary A. (Carver) Black	Foreman
Aug. 30	Pauline Copley Gray	F	Frank E. and Ethelyn A. (Smith) Swain	Organ Maker
Aug. 31	Ruth Currier	F	Wm. and Lottie J. (Matthews) Gray	Conductor
Sept. 2	Edward White	M	William and Gertrude Currier	Sec'y Y. M. C. A.
Sept. 6	Gladys Marie Doucette	F	Peter and Ada (Surrette) White	Laborer
Sept. 7	John Lorin Wilson	M	John J. and Marion E. (Froton) Doucette	Helper
Sept. 11	Joseph Doherty	M	Wm. Frederick and Ella M. (Gleason) Wilson	Salesman
Sept. 13	John Joseph Murray	M	Joseph and Katherine (Cullinane) Doherty	Rubber Worker
Sept. 15	Mary Julia Clements	F	John J. and Katherine (Weaver) Murray	Rubber Worker
Sept. 25	Brooks Carter White	M	Frank and Annie (Doucette) Clement	Laborer
Sept. 27	Wardwell Cummings Thaxter	M	Clarence C. and Della J. (Glover) White	Bank Cashier
Sept. 28	Annie Quinlan	F	Ralph W. and Jessie N. (Cummings) Thaxter	Railroad Employee
			Thomas and Annie (Kelley) Quinlan	Stationary Engineer

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DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF PARENTS	OCCUP'N OF FATHER
Oct. 3	Virginia Brookhouse	F	Harley and Florence (Williams) Brookhouse	Manager
Oct. 10	Margaret Lepper	F	George A. and Rachel A. (Lampman) Lepper	Mgr. Am. Express Co.
Oct. 16	Marion Gertrude Scanlon	F	James and Christine (McLean) Scanlon	Rubber Worker
Oct. 16	Mildred Agnes Scanlon	F	James and Christine (McLean) Scanlon	Rubber Worker
Oct. 24	Michael Joseph Green	M	Timothy and Della (Higgins) Greene	Conductor
Nov. 6	James Williams	M	William D. and Ella (Roves) Williams	Machinist
Nov. 7	Mildred Madeline Dulong	F	Enos and Mary E. (Servant) Dulong	Conductor
Nov. 11	Forrest Sylvester	M	Fred L. and Addie M. (Harcroft) Sylvester	Pattern Maker
Nov. 13	Dorothy Baker	F	Harry F. and Ethel M. (Hunnewell) Baker	Bookkeeper
Nov. 16	Doris Skinner	F	Herman P. and Frances (Howard) Skinner	Engineer
Nov. 21	Donald Amsden McCornack	M	Walter R. and Lillian H. (Amsden) McCornack	Architect
Nov. 24	Arthur Francis Croteau	M	Arthur J. and Elizabeth (Walsh) Croteau	Telegrapher
Nov. 25	Doris Kenyon	F	Harry L. and Marion G. (Goodhue) Kenyon	Firman
Nov. 25	Schirmer Dane	M	Harry L. and Grace S. (Twombly) Dane	Bookkeeper
Dec. 1	Henry Schwarz	M	Benedict J. and Laura (Doucette) Schwarz	Messenger
Dec. 8	Natalie Estelle Burnham	F	W. Franklin and Florence (Jackson) Burnham	Broker
Dec. 12	Gladys Marguerite Newhouse	F	George W. and Mary (Dupeine) Gregory	Woodworker
Dec. 14	Gordon Barnes Kimball	M	Wm. W. and Margaret L. (Richardson) Newhouse	Grocer
Dec. 14	Frank Albert Simpson	M	Walter B. and Mildred B. (Haywood) Kimball	Salesman
Dec. 16	George Herbert Frotton	M	Frank T. and Margaret L. (Lockwood) Simpson	Carpenter
Dec. 22	Ralph Herbert Hezeltime	M	John H. and Annie (Horan) Frotton	Farmer
Dec. 23	Hazel Louise Frotton	F	Ralph F. and Harriet M. (Carter) Hezeltime	Machinist
Dec. 24	Marjorie Gaw	F	Reuben A. and Mary (Doucette) Frotton	Laborer
Dec. 28			James and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Gaw	Motorman

Whole Number of Births, 113; Males, 56; Females, 57. Nativity of Parents: Fathers born in the United States, 68; Fathers Foreign born, 45; Mothers born in United States, 63; Mothers Foreign born, 49.

NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEHOLDERS,
PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES.

YOUR ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE SECTIONS BELOW TAKEN
FROM THE REVISED LAWS.—BLANK FORMS FOR RETURN
OF BIRTHS CAN BE OBTAINED OF THE TOWN CLERK.

SECTION 3, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897.

SECT. 3.—Physicians and midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the month next preceding, at whose birth they were present, stating the date and place of each birth, the name of the child if it has any, the sex and color of the child, the name, place of birth and residence of the parents, the maiden name of the mother, and the occupation of the father. If the child is illegitimate the name of the father shall not be stated, unless at the joint request in writing of both father and mother, which request shall be filed with the returns of births. The fee of the physicians or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported, and shall be paid by the city or town in which the report is made, upon presentation of a certificate from the city or town clerk, stating that said births have been reported in conformity with the requirements of this section. Any physician or midwife neglecting to report such list for ten days after it is due shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 6, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897.

SECT. 6.—Parents and Householdors shall within forty (40) days after the date of a birth occurring in his house give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

MILLARD F. CHARLES,
Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1907.

				BY WHOM MARRIED	
DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	AGE	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF PARENTS
1906					
Jan. 28	Frank E. Gray	38	Shoe Cutter	Sackville, N. B.	Charles G. and Mary L. (Dobson) Gray
Oct. 6	Catherine R. Alger	23	At Home	Springfield, Mass.	Charles and Anna (Langdon) Alger
	Edwin Richardson Stanley	21	Actor	Reading, Mass.	George A. and Hattie (Richardson) Stanley
	Maud Idella Bemis	20		Marlboro, Mass.	Walter and Orrivila (Cooke) Bemis
1907					
Jan. 2	William Henry Manning	36	Policeman	Reading, Mass.	Ezra K. and Mary L. (Bessey) Manning
Jan. 9	Annie M. (Thistle) Vermille	38	At Home	Nova Scotia	George W. and Mary R. (Hume) Thistle
	James Henry Cronin	31	Engineer	Milford, Mass.	Cornelius and Bridget (Burke) Cronin
Jan. 12	Sarah Gertrude Furber	30	At Home	Boston, Mass.	Ward C. and Melissa S. (Hamblett) Furber
	Louis Milton Gowing	28	Manufacturer	No. Reading, Mass.	Joseph G. and Mary A. (Whitcomb) Gowing
Jan. 21	Bertha Allen Nichols	23	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Charles H. and Lucy M. (Allen) Nichols
	Poster Earle Merrill	24	Sergeant	Reading, Mass.	Edward E. and Anna M. (Baker) Merrill
Jan. 26	Catherine Veronica Bradley	25	At Home	Yorkshire, England	Charles and Helen (Hopkins) Bradley
Jan. 26	Carl E. Wall	39	Engineer	Sweden	Carl F. and Caroline (Anderson) Wall
	Elin Johnson	29	Housework	Sweden	Svenning Johnson and Annie Johnson
Feb. 6	Elmer Bickford Nichols	24	Press Operator	Reading, Mass.	Daniel M. Nichols and Phebe G. Harnden
Feb. 11	Alice Eloise Flanders	24	Stenographer	Reading, Mass.	Newell C. and Ida F. (Marston) Flanders
	Thomas White	25	Laborer	Stoneham, Mass.	Joshua and Mary (Donnette) White
Feb. 11	Rose Marie Babine	22	At Home	Argyle, Nova Scotia	Michael and Mary (Malonson) Babine
	Harold Kilbreth Barrows	33	Civil Engineer	Melrose, Mass.	Cyrus M. and Augusta (Kilbreth) Barrows
Feb. 11	Mabel Robbins Jordan	33	Stenographer	Turner, Maine	Wilnot P. and Abbie (Bodge) Jordan
Feb. 11	Arthur Joseph Croteau	22	Telegraph Operator	Lawrence, Mass.	Louis and Mary Bella (Devine) Croteau
	Elizabeth Frances Walsh	28	Clerk	Manchester, England	John and Elizabeth (Callahan) Walsh
Feb. 27	George Clifford Stock	19	Motorman	Reading, Mass.	Henry and Ada L. (Beard) Stock
Feb. 27	Jennie Schuster	26	Typewriter	Roxbury, Boston	Adam and Jennie (Benning) Schuster
	Frank Patterson Colby	23	Brakeman	Belfast, Maine	Wilbur O. and Augusta J. (Patterson) Colby
Meh. 12	Alice Ethelyn Stimpson	25	At Home	Reading, Mass.	James M. and Nettie M. (Skinner) Stimpson
	Joseph M. Tait	26	Motorman	St. Johns, N. B.	John and Elizabeth (Moody) Tait
Apr. 6	Lottie M. Stock	21	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Henry and Ada L. (Beard) Stock
	Clarence Elmore Carter	24	Civil Engineer	Reading, Mass.	Adelbert E. and Clara L. (Damon) Carter
Apr. 18	Alice Sanders Kidder	30	At Home	Somerville, Mass.	William and Susan R. (Chase) Kidder
	Frank Mose	25	Hostler	Nova Scotia	Joshua and Julia (Douce) Mose
Apr. 20	Rose Doucette	26	Millhand	Nova Scotia	Simon and Mary (LeFave) Doucette
	Richard Byron Hussey	28	Electrical Engineer	Methuen, Mass.	Thomas W. H. and Gertrude K. (Pearson) Hussey
	Mary Evelyn Louise Pratt	28	Musician	Reading, Mass.	Sydney P. and Ella L. (Kingman) Pratt

Apr.	24	John Fairfield Sawyer	Clerk	Lowell, Mass.	Frank and Angie (Hopkinson) Sawyer	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
		Louise Safford Holden	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Henry E. and Ada Louise (Safford) Holden	Reading, Mass.
Apr.	30	Lucius W. Chase	Clerk	Peabody, Mass.	Silas P. and Helen W. (Jacobs) Chase	Chas. A. Crane, Minister of the
		A. Louise Larthard	At Home	Beverly, Mass.	Wm. T. and Ellen G. (Taylor) Larthard	Gospel, Boston, Mass.
May	7	Ernest Clifton Munroe	Baggage Master	Lincolnville, Maine	Thomas J. and Rebecca N. (Richards) Munroe	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
		Allice Ermina MacDougall	Necktie Maker	Wakefield, Mass.	Chester A. and Mary P. (Deane) MacDougall	Reading, Mass.
May	8	Felix Doucette	Agent	Quinan, Nova Scotia	James and Anne (Meuse) Doucette	Denis F. Lee, Priest
		Evangeline Potier	Clerk	Bellville, Nova Scotia	Lezin V. and Mary E. Potier	Reading, Mass.
May	9	Frank Josiah Gray	Motorman	Etna, Maine	Jeremiah and Clara (Russell) Gray	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
		Louise G. Spaulding	Bookkeeper	Lowell, Mass.	George H. and Lizzie O. (Preston) Spaulding	Reading, Mass.
June	1	Frank Y. Verrill	Electrical	Auburn, Maine	Millard F. and Addie L. Verrill	W. W. Wakeman, Clergyman
		Carrie M. Ridlon	At Home	Franklin, N. H.	Alfred B. and Mary A. (Goodwin) Ridlon	Medway, Mass.
June	4	Joseph R. N. Clark	Cashier	Granville, N. S.	Joseph R. N. and Hannah (Bagleson) Clark	E. B. Marshall, Clergyman
		Emma J. Smith	Stenographer	Reading, Mass.	Benjamin Y. and Mary F. (Hutchins) Smith	Reading, Mass.
June	5	Clarence Jillett French	Bookkeeper	So. Royalston, Mass.	Frederick S. and Laura E. (Jillett) French	E. B. Marshall, Clergyman
		Ethelind Winslow Turner	Bookkeeper	Exeter, N. H.	Wilbur F. and Abbie F. (Moore) Turner	Reading, Mass.
June	8	Llewellyn Rogers	Shoemaker	Newburyport, Mass.	William H. and Emily R. (Howard) Rogers	W. C. Myers, Minister
		Sarah M. Coulter	Housework	Liverpool, N. S.	Charles Edward and Rebekah (Ware) Wentzel	Reading, Mass.
June	9	Jamés Grady	Motorman	Nova Scotia	Edward and Mary (Pettipass) Grady	John F. Meheran, Clergyman
		Margaret Keeley	Kattian Worker	Ireland	Thomas and Katherine (Curran) Keeley	Wakefield, Mass.
June	11	Willard Parker Adden	Architect	Reading, Mass.	John Henry and Almira (George) Adden	William B. Georghran, Minister
		Annie Perry Allen	At Home	New Bedford, Mass.	Gilbert and Mary A. (Mulliken) Allen	New Bedford, Mass.
June	12	Arthur E. B. Williams	Mill Hand	Prince Edward Island	Abraham and Elizabeth (Herring) Williams	E. B. Marshall, Clergyman
		Irene M. Gordon	Brush Maker	Prince Edward Island	Robert and Eunice (Richards) Gordon	Reading, Mass.
June	13	William Henry Dugan	Mill Hand	Temple, N. H.	Thomas and Susan (Lovelace) Dugan	Denis F. Lee, Priest
		Julia Agnes Burns	Housework	Ireland	William and Winifred (Dolan) Burns	Reading, Mass.
June	14	Edward Elbridge Harnden	Paymaster's Ass't	Derry, N. H.	Charles E. and Caroline E. (Safford) Harnden	W. W. Bowers, Clergyman
		Maybelle Buckle	Clerk	Leeds, England	James and Sarah A. (Gould) Buckle	Lynn, Mass.
June	17	Edward Henry Rugg	Clerk	Weathersfield, Vt.	William H. and Fannie (Webster) Rugg	Lucius Waterman, Priest
		Elizabeth Ellen Brigham	Stenographer	Norwich, Vt.	James M. and Harriet (Partridge) Brigham	W. C. Myers, Minister
June	18	Albert Edward Nash	Travelling Salesman	South Scituate, Mass.	Franklin and Eunice C. (Ford) Nash	Henry H. French, Clergyman
		Jennie Frances Temple	At Home	Boston, Mass.	William and Ruth A. (Welch) Temple	Malden, Mass.
June	19	Frank P. Kinsley	Engineer	Reading, Mass.	Stephen P. and Georgiana (Wentworth) Kinsley	W. W. Bowers, Clergyman
		Amelia E. Brigel	At Home	Malden, Mass.	Henry and Lucy (Somers) Brigel	Lynn, Mass.
June	20	Prescott Raymond Nichols	Telephone Employee	Denmark, Maine	William H. and Cora M. (Prescott) Nichols	Denis F. Lee, Priest
		Mildred Arletta Wood	At Home	Winchester, Mass.	Moses A. and Arletta M. (Herrick) Wood	Reading, Mass.
June	25	Edward Dulong	Shipper	Nova Scotia	Sylvine and Rose (Muse) Dulong	E. B. Marshall, Clergyman
		Lena Froton	At Home	St. N. River, N. B.	Simon P. and Jennie (White) Froton	Reading, Mass.
June	26	William Everard Hetherington	Milk Dealer	Fords Mills, N. B.	William and Katherine (Thorrott) Hetherington	Reading, Mass.
		Elizabeth R. Farrer	Housework		William and Eliza (Reed) Farrer	

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1907

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	AGE	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF PARENTS	BY WHOM MARRIED
June 27	Perley Kendall Richardson Florence Isabelle Grover	29 27	Billing Clerk Clerk	Reading, Mass. Roxbury, Mass.	Everett B. and Emma M. Richardson Charles E. and Annie F. (Williams) Grover	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
June 27	Louis Augustus Parsons Elizabeth Agnes Brooks	34 22	Clergyman At Home	New Haven, Conn. Brookline, Mass.	Edward A. and Mary W. (Ives) Parsons George K. and Elizabeth (Clark) Brooks	John W. Suter, Clergyman Winchester, Mass.
July 17	Enos Dulong Mary Elizabeth Servant	32 22	Conductor Dress Maker	Yarmouth, N. S. Yarmouth, N. S.	Peter and Fannie (Doucette) Dulong Gabriel and Dosecy (Doucette) Servant	Denis F. Lee, Priest Reading, Mass.
Aug. 10	Charles H. Flanders Lucretia May Stubbs	20 22	Machinist Helper Shoe Worker	Reading, Mass. Wakefield, Mass.	Newell C. and Ida F. (Marston) Flanders Alexander A. and Lucy M. (Teel) Stubbs	W. W. Bowers, Clergyman Lynn, Mass.
Aug. 11	Frank O'Brien Emma Josephine Barnard	26 22	Foreman Operative	Woburn, Mass. Lynn, Mass.	James and Kate (Winn) O'Brien Samuel and Joanna (Gowan) Barnard	Henry G. Gay, Minister of the Gospel, Reading, Mass.
Aug. 15	Ralph Harrison Hortense Ritchie	26 18	Farmer At Home	Kingsport, N. S. Plymouth, Mass.	William and Emily G. (Northrup) Harrison Albert M. and Rose L. (West) Ritchie	Albert M. Pear, Justice of Peace & Ass't City Clerk, Cambridge, Mass.
Aug. 22	James Michael Weadick Sarah Jane Hare	21 18	Clerk Dressmaker	Chelsea, Mass. Georgetown, Mass.	Edward and Annie (O'Sullivan) Weadick James and Phoebe E. (Schofield) Hare	Ambrose A. Dove, Priest Somerville, Mass.
Aug. 27	Frederick O. Eagleton Flora Y. Milbury	22 20	Mechanic At Home	Nova Scotia Reading, Mass.	Robert and Charlotte (Shipp) Eagleton Ora L. and Annie E. (Quate) Milbury	W. C. Myers, Minister Reading, Mass.
Aug. 27	Henry E. Berry Marian P. Copeland	27 33	Chemist At Home	London, Eng. Reading, Mass.	Henry E. and Elizabeth (Morrow) Berry Edward and Christina C. (Perkins) Copeland	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
Sept. 1	William Hensworth Margaret Geary	28 27	Moulder Domestic	Moncton, N. B. Ireland	Michael and Julia (Sullivan) Hensworth Thomas and Margaret (O'Donnell) Geary	Denis F. Lee, Priest Reading, Mass.
Sept. 3	Henry Howard Kinsley Alice May Dennison	28 30	Clerk At Home	Reading, Mass. Charlestown, Mass.	Stephen P. and Georgianna (Wentworth) Kinsley Wm. A. and Celia A. (Woodward) Dennison	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
Sept. 4	James R. Mercer Agnes Bartlett Hodsdon	31 31	Fireman At Home	Lodi, N. J. Somersworth, N. H.	William L. and Maria (Fulton) Mercer Daniel and Phoebe (Shapleigh) Hodsdon	Albert C. Fulton, Clergyman Somersworth, N. H.
Sept. 5	Duncan Albert Stanley Mary Etta Wilson	37 35	Coachman Shoe Worker	Gaspie Basin, Canada Lawrence, Mass.	Robert G. and Marion (McKenzie) Stanley John and Margaret (Gray) Wilson	Rufus S. Chase, Minister Wakefield, Mass.
Sept. 6	John Meade Adams Edna May Roberts	25 26	Teacher Teacher	Reading, Mass. Winchester, Mass.	Frank S. and Anna E. (Falls) Adams Jacob F. and Ada A. (Dane) Roberts	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
Sept. 7	Carl William Butters Margaret Annie McGowan	21 18	Fireman At Home	East Madison, Maine Cornwall, Ontario	William and Phylis (Boley) Butters Patrick R. and Bridget (Rooney) McGowan	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
Sept. 19	William T. W. Underwood Edith Barrows	26 23	Salesman At Home	Elizabeth, N. J. Reading, Mass.	Wm. A. and Anna C. (Blanchard) Underwood Cyrus M. and Augusta (Kilbrith) Barrows	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
Sept. 24	Myron Walker Sherwood Louise Marion Pratt	50 26	Farmer Teacher	G. Barrington, N. Y. No. Reading, Mass.	Loring and Anna Sherwood Charles S. and Helen A. (Collins) Pratt	W. C. Myers, Minister Reading, Mass.
Oct. 9	Clinton Watling Crafts Clara Ellen Wiswall	30 25	Salesman At Home	Reading, Mass. Wellesley, Mass.	Frank E. and Jeannette (Watling) Crafts Clarence A. and Harriet M. (Boit) Wiswall	H. Usher Monroe, Clergyman North Andover, Mass.

Oct. 11	Loron D. Frazier	30	Shipping Clerk	Concord, N. H.	Loron D. and Julia A. (Brown) Frazier	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Lena M. Logan	19	At Home	Frederickton, N. B.	John B. and Carrie A. (Connell) Logan	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 15	Walter Scott Davis	33	Bookkeeper	S. Framingham, Mass.	Frank W. and Sarah M. (Frost) Davis	Thomas J. Horner, Unitarian
	Anna Kittredge Sylveria	27	At Home	Boston, Mass.	Joseph V. and Josephine M. (Newell) Sylveria	Minister, Melrose, Mass.
Oct. 16	Charles E. Lennon	25	Motorman	Woburn, Mass.	Timothy and Mary (Farrey) Lennon	John J. Harrington, Priest
	Elizabeth M. Whall	19	At Home	Boston, Mass.	Thomas J. and Jennie (Shea) Whall	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 23	George Vickery	28	Teamster	Ireland	John and Polly (Sullivan) Vickery	Everett C. Herrick, Minister of
	Elizabeth Matilda Woodend	25	At Home	Robbinston, Maine	Alexander and Emily (McLester) Woodend	the Gospel, Charlestown, Mass.
Nov. 2	John Oliver Leighton	41	Carpenter	Prince Edward Island	Samuel and Mary E. (Butler) Leighton	Hugh A. Heath, Minister
	Mary E. Sencabaugh	30	Domestic	Hampton, N. B.	Thomas and Mary E. (Coughlan) Sencabaugh	Wakefield, Mass.
Nov. 9	James H. Sederquest	26	Lead Pipe Maker	Stoneham, Mass.	George and Martha (Osborn) Sederquest	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Helen F. Kidder	20	At Home	Yarmouth, N. S.	William and Susan (Chase) Kidder	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 18	Lena Babine	25	Carpenter	Yarmouth, N. S.	Peter and Mary Porter	Denis F. Lee, Priest
	Albert O. Surrrette	20	At Home	Belbrook, N. S.	John M. and Rosalie (Surrrette) Babine	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 25	Catherine L. Pothier	25	Carpenter	Glenwood, N. S.	Samuel and Elizabeth (Porter) Surrrette	Denis F. Lee, Priest
	David W. Rimmer	22	Laundry	Lowell, Mass.	James and Adele (Surrrette) Pothier	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 27	Stella L. Paul	23	Pattern Maker	Wilmington, Mass.	Joseph and Annie (Edmonstone) Rimmer	Charles W. Blackett, Clergyman
	Albert Weston Bell	19	At Home	So. Wellfleet, Mass.	George and Margaret A. (Woods) Paul	Malden, Mass.
Nov. 27	Anna Hydeberg Hanson	30	Sailor	St. Paul, Minn.	Nathaniel and Mary (Newcomb) Bell	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	John William Foote		Housemaid	England	Anthony Hydeberg and Katherine Hanson	Reading, Mass.
Dec. 2	Florence Minnie Richards		Florist	Arnot, Penn.	John and Jane (Bell) Foote	E. B. Marshall, Clergyman
	Richard Nelson Adams	18	Fireman	Malden, Mass.	John and Maria (Preston) Richards	Reading, Mass.
Dec. 4	Helen Louise Wakefield	16	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Larue N. and Mattie F. (Wilkins) Adams	John W. Sherman, Justice of
	Frank Paul Wood	22	Shoemaker	Reading, Mass.	George and G. Louise (Wheeler) Wakefield	the Peace, Boston, Mass.
Dec. 15	Mabel Etta Tarbox	18	At Home	Lynn, Mass.	Benjamin F. and Elvira F. (Parker) Wood	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
Dec. 24	Charles Augustus Ridlon	30	Merchant	Winchester, Mass.	Alfred B. and Henrietta (Melendy) Tarbox	Reading, Mass.
	Eva May Pendleton	20	At Home	Cushing, Maine	John E. and Cordelia (Wallace) Pendleton	W. C. Myers, Minister
Dec. 25	Lemuel Warden Allen	27	Supt. of Streets	Glochester, Mass.	Benj. F. and Priscilla Barrett (Pew) Allen	Reading, Mass.
	Marion Ruth Parker	24	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Elmore and Emma (Armstrong) Parker	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
Dec. 31	Benjamin D. E. Bassett	21	Conductor	Harwich, Mass.	Archelus E. and Clara (Davis) Bassett	Millard F. Charles, Town Clerk
	Elizabeth F. Clark	14	At Home	N. Dartmouth, Mass.	Hattie E. Clark	and Jus. of Peace, Reading, Mass.

Whole number of marriages, 71. Nativity of persons married: United States, Males 53; United States, Females 48; Foreign, Males 18; Foreign, Females 23.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1907

DATE	NAME	Y	M	D	PARENTS OR HUSBAND	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH
Jan. 9	Emmeline Eaton	92	5	6	John Eaton and Mary Hunt	Bronchitis
" 14	Gladys Froton	1	5	1	Reuben and Marion (Doucette) Froton	Diphtheria
" 15	Patrick McCall	53	4	8	Francis and Jane McCall	Chronic Nephritis
" 25	Henry M. Richardson	68	10	13	Loammi and Abigail (Eaton) Richardson	Chronic Nephritis
" 30	John Bailey	79	7	0	John and Hannah (White) Bailey	Myocarditis
Feb. 1	Earl R. Hall	31	0	0	Rufus Hall	Run over by Train
" 5	Jennie L. Batchelder	34	2	23	George W. and (Lydia A. Pratt) Batchelder	Phthisis
" 7	Frances M. Manning	77	10	9	Nathaniel and Fannie (Adams) Taylor	Embolus
" 9	Lydia M. Cox	80	11	3	Joseph and Sally (Parker) Spokesfield	Enterocolitis
" 10	Joshua Turner	68	11	29	William and Barbara Turner	La Grippe
" 11	William Watts	78	0	0	William Watts	Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 12	John Granfield	57	4	0	Thomas and Bridget (O'Connor) Granfield	Pneumonia
" 27	Howard Muse	8	0	0	Frank and Rose Muse	Diphtheria
" 28	Lynan P. Bryant	68	6	24	Hosea B. and Mary (Poor) Bryant	Diabetes Melitis
Mch. 1	Hannah R. Leeds	89	10	14	Edward Johnson and Cebiah (Gore) Johnson	Oedema of Lungs
" 2	Cynthia A. Haskins	78	4	20	Joseph and Cynthia (Bullock) Haskins	Bronchitis
" 4	Nellie A. Green	46	4	4	Henry and Ellen (Nichols) LeClair	Typhoid Fever
" 4	Marcus M. Bancroft	65	1	26	Harrison and Hepzibeth (Jones) Bancroft	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 6	Edwin F. Johnson	46	1	14	Alfred and Sarah (Grimes) Johnson	Pneumonia
" 10	George F. Jones	65	7	22	William and Mary (Ross) Jones	Pneumonia
" 23	Edith Gladys Bennett	0	11	27	Charles M. and Edith (Clark) Bennett	Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 29	May L. B. Webb	9	11	0	Edward and Mira (Timmins) Webb	Endocarditis
April 21	Mary W. Whittier	83	2	14	Daniel and Mary (Cross) Damon	Broncho Pneumonia
" 22	Jacob F. Trask	72	5	4	Robert and Abigail (Tedford) Trask	Cancer of Stomach
" 22	Rufus B. Wright	72	8	1	Ithama and Patricia (Fletcher) Wright	Natural Cause
May 8	Edith M. Bennett	27	0	0	Edward and Jessie Clark	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
" 11	Armi B. Matthews	60	2	1	Freeman and Jane (Hatch) Matthews	Suicide by Hanging
" 13	Melitable Parker	92	1	26	Joseph and Rachel (Russell) Jeffery	Bronchitis
" 20	Mary A. Tilton	65	7	6	Josiah H. and Mary (Emery) Tilton	Pneumonia
" 20	Edwin F. Skinner	76	6	12	Nathaniel and Elizabeth (King) Skinner	Diabetic Gangrene of Foot
" 21	Lavina S. Hewes	77	10	4	Samuel and Charlotte (Johnson) Sweet	Pneumonia
" 29	Terrence Melvin	0	4	26	Bourgeois Melvin	Meningitis
June 1	Levi O. Person	70	3	16	Levi and Prudence F. (Colby) Person	Valvular Disease of Heart
" 1	Sarah M. Nichols	57	8	26	Horace and Caroline E. (Watt) Lewis	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 3	Mary A. Nichols	84	4	15	Samuel and Eleanor (Young) Brooks	Bronchitis
" 8	Harrett H. N. W. Hanaford	74	8	16	Henry and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Woodbridge	Fracture of Femur
" 8	Della Boyce	87	3	16	Daniel and Della (Burt) Pratt	Arterio Sclerosis
" 20	Zebiah Fisher Temple	89	7	10	Matthew and Jane (Christie) Fisher	Senility
" 20	Sarah A. Nichols	52	7	17	William and Abigail (Warren) Howes	Intestinal Carcinoma

July	9	Edna L. Brown	3	11	13	Otis H. and Agnes M. (Allen) Brown	Hemorrhage from Stomach
"	11	Eunice Bryant	77	7	7	Richard E. and Deborah (Boynton) Dustin	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	13	William L. Jones	71	2	20	Jacob and Elmina (Jenkins) Jones	Cancer of Stomach
"	13	Milton D. Parker	62	6	8	Dana and Elizabeth (Steele) Parker	Valvular Disease of Heart
"	18	Ellon L. Young	42	8	28	Jeremiah and Jane (Alley) Young	Surgical Shock from Accident
"	28	Susan B. Watrous	66	0	0	Thomas and Betsey (Smith) Coleman	Tuberculosis
Aug.	11	Lucius Clark Curtis	66	7	0	George and Nancy (Rowe) Curtis	Locomotor Ataxia
"	14	Eleanor May Frost	0	0	1	John E. and Sadie A. (Parker) Frost	Con. Malformation of Heart
Sept.	2	Lydia D. Wallace	62	0	0	Jarvis and Lydia D. (Appleton) Lamson	Acute Nephritis
"	12	Mildred M. Nutter	0	10	0	Henry R. and Bertha (Bulfinch) Nutter	Infectious Diarrhoea
"	17	John H. Corrie	80	4	13	Ebenezer and Francis (George) Corrie	Apoplexy
"	24	Elmer D. Harris	60	9	8	Ebenezer and Clarissa (Scribens) Harris	Myocarditis
"	24	Fanny C. Gorton	52	2	21	Daniel D. and Annette (Haggett) Gorton	Inflam. of Gall Bladder
"	30	Daniel H. Wadlin	87	5	28	Daniel and Pamela (Bickford) Wadlin	Old Age
Oct.	2	Elizabeth A. Barrows	84	3	22	Mishack and Lucy (Adams) Cate	Agina Pectoris
"	30	Harris Austin	92	11	17	Gaius and Anna (Damon) Austin	Myocarditis
Nov.	1	Catherine E. Howard	0	3	5	Fred J. and Catherine A. (Kaulback) Howard	Gastro Enteritis
"	2	Mary A. White	39	1	23	Leon and Mary (Proton) Surette	Tumor of Brain
"	9	George Beasley	76	8	27	John and Mary Baxter	Perinephritic Abscess
"	17	Jane A. Sherman	77	2	0		Fractured Hip
Dec.	2	Ruth K. Buxton	25	8	8	Albert and Ida M. (Eames) Buxton	Embolus in Brain
"	4	Eliza S. Redfield	77	8	25	Samuel and Nancy (Sanborn) Wallace	Valvular Disease of Heart
"	11	Fannie Doucette	26	11	13	John M. and Fannie (Muse) Doucette	Heart Disease
"	11	Annie White	38	4	0	David and Annie (Doucette) Herbert	Pericarditis
"	14	Catherine F. Dominique	35	9	9	James and Mary (Dulan) O'Brien	Hyperal Septicaemia
"	18	Caroline B. Stiles	82	9	16	Samuel and Jemima (Carr) Parsons	Phthisis
"	23	Mabel Whittier	51	2	16	Moses and Margaret E. (Morley) Barbrick	La Grippe
"	23	Joseph White	49	8	8	Peter and Mary (Muse) White	Pneumonia
"	25	Maud G. Harris	28	1	8	Newell C. and Ida F. (Marston) Flanders	Peritonitis
"	25	Susan Bancroft	80	10	10	David and Sally (Eames) Batchelder	Cardiac Dropsy
"	25	William Vermille	77	7	22	Dierick and Margaret (Frederick) Vermille	Broncho Pneumonia
"	30	Eustus Bosson	23	10	22	Harry P. and Florence (Eustis) Bosson	Cerebral Hemorrhage
							Tuberculosis

Whole number of Deaths, 80; Males, 32; Females 48; Born in United States, Males, 23; Females, 45; Foreign Males, 9; Foreign Females, 3.

TOWN MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 1907

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 4, 1907.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon a Town Meeting was held at the time and place therein specified. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Millard F. Charles. Prayer was offered by Rev. Walter C. Myers. The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, also the Constable's return thereon.

Art. 1. Proceeded to the election of a Moderator. George L. Flint received four votes, all the ballots cast, and was declared unanimously elected Moderator. The following were duly sworn as ballot clerks: Chester C. Richardson, Fred A. Parker, Horace E. Eames.

The following were duly sworn as tellers: Clinton L. Newell, Walter K. Badger, Charles H. Stinchfield, Herbert E. McIntire, Harry E. Smith, John Connelly, John D. Canty, Henry M. Donegan, John B. Champney, Frank E. Gray.

The polls were duly declared open.

On motion of Charles H. Stinchfield, it was voted to close the polls at 4.15 o'clock p. m.

No objection being made votes were taken out at various times during the day.

The polls were duly declared closed at 4.15 p. m. The ballot box registered 0000 at the opening of the polls and 39 at close of the polls. The check lists showed that 578 men and 22 women had voted, and the tellers reported the same number; 578 men's ballots

and 22 women's ballots, had been counted with the following result.

TOWN CLERK

* Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft ave.	. . .	413
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	165

SELECTMEN

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	. . . . .	448
* James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st.	. . . . .	510
* George L. Pratt, 71 Salem st.	. . . . .	469
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	308

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	. . . . .	438
* James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st.	. . . . .	492
* George L. Pratt, 71 Salem st.	. . . . .	461
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	343

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

John H. Adden, 159 Main st.	. . . . .	447
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	. . . . .	131

TREASURER

Edward F. Parker, 3 Salem st.	. . . . .	465
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	. . . . .	113

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Herbert M. Viall, 42 Bancroft ave.	. . . . .	460
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	. . . . .	118

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

George L. Flint, 42 Highland st.	. . . . .	488
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	. . . . .	90

CONSTABLES

* Frederic D. Merrill, 27 Highland st.	. . . . .	389
John H. Orr, 31 Village st.	. . . . .	301
Herbert G. Stock, 8 Ash st.	. . . . .	283
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	. . . . .	183

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Henry R. Johnson, 60 John st.	441
Blanks	137

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

William C. Buck, 46 West st.	395
John M. Cameron, 62 Lowell st.	124
Blanks	59

TRUSTEES OF LAUREL HILL CEMETERY FOR THREE YEARS

Alden Batchelder, 225 Main st.	484
Frank L. Edgerley, 494 Main st.	498
Blanks	196

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

J. Woodward Manning, 134 High st.	495
Horace G. Wadlin, 118 Woburn st.	465
Blanks and scattering	196

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, THREE YEARS

Elizabeth H. Brown, 83 Prospect st.	381
Henry C. Parker, 40 Chute st.	354
Albert R. Shepardson, 48 King st.	273
Blanks	193

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, ONE YEAR

Marion F. Davies, 56 Walnut st.	220
Howard W. Poor, 27 Mt. Vernon st.	292
Blanks	88

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TWO YEARS

Arthur N. Mansfield, 31 Woburn st.	452
Blanks and scattering	147

AUDITORS

William S. Badger, 4 Middlesex ave.	460
William T. Rodden, 61 Middlesex ave.	444
Carl M. Spencer, 51 Prescott st.	447
Blanks	383

TREE WARDEN

Guy A. Hubbard, 255 Main st.	. . . . .	467
Blanks and scattering	. . . . .	111

SHALL LICENCES BE GRANTED FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS?

Yes	. . . . .	88
No	. . . . .	407
Blanks	. . . . .	83

The vote was duly declared by the Town Clerk and the ballots used and unused together with the check lists were duly sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk. Those persons elected to the various town offices which are marked with a star were duly sworn by the Moderator.

* Sworn by Moderator.

A true copy, attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

READING, MASS., MARCH 4, 1907.

Pursuant to the Town warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a Town Meeting was held at the place and time therein mentioned and was called to order by Town Clerk Millard F. Charles. Prayer was offered by Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell. The warrant was partially read, when a motion was made to dispense with further reading except the Constable's return thereon which was read, and it was so voted, after which the Constable's return was read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 1. Acting under this article the meeting proceeded to the election of Moderator by ballots. James W. Killam was directed to check the names of those voting. Six ballots were cast, all for George L. Flint, and he was declared unanimously elected.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Tree Warden, and Special Committees.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on table.

Art. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to act as Fence Viewers for the ensuing year.

Voted that Asa Parker, Willard A. Bancroft and Herbert G. Stock serve as Field Drivers for the ensuing year.

Voted that John H. Orr be appointed Pound Keeper for the ensuing year.

Voted that the following persons serve as Surveyors of Lumber for the ensuing year: James A. Bancroft, Ora L. Milbury, Wendell Bancroft, Joseph W. Killam, Warren M. Whitehouse, Samuel L. Brown, William R. Zwicker, Burton K. Symonds, Edward B. Eames, George L. Flint.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized and directed to confer with the Overseers of the Poor of North Reading and Wilmington in regard to the advisability of having one Poor Farm for the three Towns and report thereon at some future Town Meeting.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Superintendent of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Moth Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support

of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Work, Miscellaneous Expenses, Tree Warden, and Rent of Playground.

Art. 4.

Voted to raise and appropriate for general School Expenses \$28,000 00

Voted to raise for Incidental School Expenses and Insurance 5,000 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks 4,000 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for sprinkling streets . 450 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for removing snow and ice from sidewalks 500 00

Voted that the amount necessary to be used for concrete sidewalks and edgestones, provided abutters pay one-half, be appropriated from the amount raised and appropriated for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Voted to raise and appropriate for Fire Department . 5,000 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for Police Department 2,800 00
and voted to appropriate from available assets . 1,200 00

Art. 4. Voted to lay on table.

Art. 3. Voted to take from table.

Voted to instruct the Board of Selectmen to employ a permanent Police Officer for ensuing year.

Art. 4. Voted to take from the table.

Voted to raise and appropriate for Moth Department . 1,846 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for Forest Firewards . 150 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for Support of Poor . 3,300 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for Salaries of Town Officers 3,700 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for State and Military Aid 2,800 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for Soldiers' Relief .	1,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Printing . .	700 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Abatement of Taxes	900 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Town Building .	450 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Care of Cemetery	800 00
(and to appropriate the proceeds of the sale of lots)	
Voted to raise and appropriate for Public Library and	900 00
(appropriate the proceeds of the Dog Tax) .	
Voted to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day .	175 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Board of Health .	600 00
Voted care of Old South Clock, to appropriate from	
amount raised from miscellaneous expenses . .	50 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Interest Account .	300 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Care and Improve-	
ment of Common, Mayall and Elm Parks . .	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate Election Expenses .	300 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Concrete Work .	350 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Misc. Expenses .	1,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for General Expenses	
of the Tree Warden	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Rent of Playground	342 00

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise the sum of eight thousand dollars and appropriate the same, together with the receipts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant, for the year 1907, for the maintenance, operation and repair of said Plant, and for the payment of bonds, notes, interest and depreciation due by said Plant during the year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 5. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand two hundred and forty dollars for the use of the Municipal Light Board as follows: for payment of Bonds Nos. 15 and 16, two thousand dollars (\$2,000); for interest, one thousand four hundred forty dollars; for depreciation, three thousand dollars, together with the depreciation cash in the treasury; and for maintenance, eight hundred dollars, together with the receipts of the Plant and the balance of cash on hand and in the treasury.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars for construction, extension, enlargement and addition to the Municipal Light and Power Plant, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. Voted to pass over.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars to pay for incandescent lighting for the various Town Departments, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. Voted to pass over.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to employ two more men for the purpose of shortening the day's work from twelve hours to eight hours, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. Voted to authorize the Municipal Light Board to employ two more men for the purpose of shortening the working day at the Electric Light Station from twelve hours to eight hours.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp on Main street near J. Brooks Nichols', and raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Municipal Light Board, with instruction to do the same whenever the Plant is in condition to operate same.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp at the corner of Wakefield and Haverhill streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Municipal Light Board, with instruction to do the same whenever the Plant is in condition to operate same.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp at the corner of Salem and Winter streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 11. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to

the Municipal Light Board with instructions to do the same whenever the Plant is in condition to operate same.

Art. 12. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 12. Voted to raise and appropriate for hydrant rentals four thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$4,950).

Voted to raise and appropriate for water for drinking fountains three hundred dollars (\$300).

Voted to raise and appropriate for water for sprinkling streets five hundred dollars (\$500), and that the above named sums, together with the receipts for water, be appropriated for interest on water loans, maintenance of water works and for service pipes.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to obtain detailed drawings and estimates of costs of making changes in filter plant, as recommended in their report, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 13. Voted to instruct the Water Commissioners to obtain detailed drawings and estimates of costs of making changes in the filter plant.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to petition the General Court for an act enabling the Town to issue water bonds to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, in addition to the amount already authorized by law, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 14. Voted to authorize Board of Water Commissioners to petition the General Court for an act enabling the Town to issue water bonds to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars in addition to the amount already authorized by law.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year.

Art. 15. Voted that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Reading, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is authorized from time to time to borrow with the approval of the majority of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate ninety-five thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable in one year from the time the loan is made.

Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 16. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 16. Voted that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be three-fourths of one per cent. on all collections and amount expended for postage in collecting same.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 17. Voted to appropriate for electricity for Grand Army Hall fifty dollars from available assets.

Art 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-one hundred dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds.

Art. 18. Voted to raise and appropriate for School House Bonds the sum of three thousand one hundred dollars.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty-five dollars to meet the interest on School House Notes.

Art. 19. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1455 for School House Notes' interest.

Art. 20. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Lot Note for two thousand dollars, due April 21, 1907.

Art. 20. Voted to raise and appropriate for the purpose of paying the High School House Lot Note due April 21, 1907, \$2,000.

Art. 21. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Note for five thousand dollars, due November 1, 1907.

Art. 21. Voted to appropriate from available assets for the purpose of paying High School House Note due November 1, 1907, \$5,000.

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Note for one thousand dollars, due December 21, 1907.

Art. 22. Voted to appropriate from available assets the sum of one thousand dollars to pay High School House Note due December 21, 1907.

Art. 23. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of Haven Street Paving Note for one thousand dollars, due December 7, 1907.

Art. 23. Voted to appropriate from available assets the sum of one thousand dollars to pay Haven Street Paving Note due December 7, 1907.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to dispose of the school building at the junction of Haverhill and Charles streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 24. Voted that the School Committee be authorized to sell or dispose of the school house at the junction of Charles and Haverhill streets.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will purchase land for a Playground, and how much money they will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. Voted to pass over.

Art. 26. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of Kingston street, from Mt. Vernon street to

Middlesex avenue, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN ON THE LAYING OUT OF KINGSTON STREET, FROM MIDDLESEX AVE. TO MT. VERNON STREET

We, the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Reading, after giving due notice to all parties interested, have laid out for use of the Town as a public way described as follows: Beginning at the southerly side of Middlesex ave. at land of T. C. Fife thus the line runs south $6^{\circ} 7'$ west against land of said Fife and others four hundred and sixty feet to land of Dora Black, then south $5^{\circ} 14'$ west 223.5 feet against land of said Black to the division line of lands of said Black and Almira H. Mears, then south $3^{\circ} 45'$ east along the westerly line of said Mears' land 137.38 feet to the northerly side of Mt. Vernon street. The above described line is the easterly line. The westerly line is 45 feet distant at right angles as far as opposite the first angle, then it decreases to 40 feet to opposite the second angle, then it continues 40 feet distant till it intersects said Mt. Vernon st. The above description is intended to conform to a plan of the same made by James A. Bancroft dated Dec. 19, 1906, which is to be considered a part of this report. We have estimated the cost of building said Town way at three hundred dollars. No damage being claimed we have allowed none. That any taken by the Town in the building of the same be taken under the provision of law authorizing the assessments of betterments. We would recommend that the said way be named Kingston street and when the report is accepted and adopted by the Town the said way shall thereafter be known as a public Town Way.

JAMES W. KILLAM, } Selectmen
OLIVER L. AKERLEY, } of
GEORGE L. PRATT, } Reading

Reading, Mass., Jan. 12, 1906.

Voted to accept report and adopt the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen, and that the sum of \$300 be raised and appropriated for the laying out and building of Kingston street.

Art. 27. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of High street from a point near the Closson property to Lowell street, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN ON THE LAYING OUT OF HIGH STREET
FROM A BOUND ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF HIGH STREET
BETWEEN LAND OF JANE V. BISHOP AND MARION
A. CLOSSON TO LOWELL STREET.

We, the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Reading, after giving due notice to all parties interested, have laid out for use of the Town as a Public Way, described as follows: Beginning at a bound on the easterly side of High street between lands of Jane V. Bishop and Marion A. Closson, then the line runs north $17^{\circ} 33'$ west over land of said Closson and along the line of the lands of George W. Crowther and John H. Robinson, and over land of Frederick Bancroft and Harriett G. Hartshorn 918 feet to the southerly side of Gould ave., then north $21^{\circ} 33'$ west over said avenue and along land of said Hartshorn 175 feet, then north $28^{\circ} 3'$ west along the line of said Hartshorn 200 feet; then north $29^{\circ} 45'$ west along the line of said Hartshorn's land $160\frac{3}{4}$ feet, then by a curve to the right with a radius of 8.93 feet to the south-westerly side of Lowell st. The above is the easterly line. The westerly line begins at a stone bound on the west side of High street between the land of Charles B. Harkness and Arthur H. Cook; then the line runs along the line of lands of said Cook, Emma H. Cook, J. Woodward Manning, Benjamin F. Manning, George W. Hunt and across the end of Highland ave., then runs along the line of lands of Martin B. Hartshorn and Harriett G. Hartshorn to a point opposite the Station on the easterly line of High street at Gould avenue and 40 feet distant at right angles, then along and over land of said Harriett G. Hartshorn and land of George W. Hunt and 40 feet distant from the easterly line until it intersects the southwesterly line of Lowell street, the whole to conform to the lines shown in red on a plan of the same made by James A. Bancroft, dated Feb. 21,

1907, which is to be considered a part of this report. We have estimated the cost of laying out said Town Way at \$100. Damages being claimed we have allowed Harriett G. Hartshorn the sum of \$25, and to Frederick Bancroft \$10. That any action taken by the Town in the laying out of the same be taken under the provisions of Law authorizing the assessments of betterments, we recommend that when the above report is accepted and adopted by the Town the said way shall thereafter be known as a public Town Way.

JAMES W. KILLAM,	} Selectmen of Reading
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,	
GEORGE L. PRATT,	

Reading, Feb. 23, 1907.

Voted to accept report of Selectmen on the laying out of High st. and adopt their recommendations, and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the expenses of same.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk on High street, from a point near the residence of Melvin R. Batchelder to a point near the residence of John H. Robinson, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. Voted to refer to the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the Swan property, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. Voted to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to sell and dispose of the Swan property, so called.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of fixing Prescott street, from Washington street, westerly as the street runs, a distance of about five hundred and fifty feet, the top of the street to be taken away and replaced with macadam, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a ballot box, and raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. Voted to appropriate the sum of fifty dollars from amount raised for miscellaneous expenses to purchase a new ballot box.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, either in the tax levy of the present year or by authorizing the Treasurer to borrow the same under the direction of the Selectmen, and appropriate said sum to meet unpaid bills on account of the new High School building, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. Voted to appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) from available assets to meet the unpaid bills on the new High School.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will lay pipe and extend the town water from Village street to Elliott street on Washington street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Board of Water Commissioners.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will adopt a By-Law which will require all peddlers of meat, fish, fruit or vegetables to be licensed, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. Voted that Solon Bancroft be a committee of one to bring before some future Town Meeting suitable By-Laws for the licensing of all peddlers of fish, meat, fruit or vegetables.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will purchase one thousand feet of hose, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) to purchase hose for the Fire Department.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purchase of a sixty-foot extension ladder, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to purchase a sixty-foot extension ladder.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to establish a fire alarm box at the junction of Salem and Pine streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 37. Voted to appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars from available assets to establish a fire-alarm box at the junction of Salem and Pine streets.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars toward defraying the expenses of band concerts for the coming summer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. Voted to appropriate from available assets the sum of one hundred dollars toward paying the expenses of band concerts the coming summer.

Art. 39. To see what action the Town will take with regard to claims for damages by the owners of land on the north side of Green street through which the County Commissioners have ordered a ditch to be constructed and forever maintained by the Town.

Art. 39. Voted to refer the subject matter of the article to the Board of Selectmen with full powers.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars to widen the sidewalk opposite No. 240 North Main street, and about one hundred feet in length, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 40. Voted to refer the subject matter to the Board of Selectmen with instructions to do and to take the money necessary to do the work from the regular highway appropriation.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to furnish creosote free to citizens of the Town to paint Gypsy Moth nests, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 41. Voted that the Town furnish free to its citizens creosote to paint Gypsy Moth nests.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will adopt the report of the Committee on Building Laws which was appointed at the annual Town Meeting, March, 1901, or what they will do in relation thereto.

BUILDING LAWS OF THE TOWN OF READING.

SECTION I.

APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR.

The Board of Selectmen shall, within 30 days after the adoption of these ordinances and thereafter annually in April, appoint an Inspector of Buildings, who shall hold office for the term of one year or until such time as another is appointed in his place.

He shall be a man who is either a skilled mechanic, versed in some of the building trades, or an experienced architect or civil engineer.

His compensation shall be regulated by the Selectmen, unless determined by a vote of the Town at the annual March meeting preceding his appointment.

He shall not be interested in any contract or the furnishing of materials for any building.

SECTION II.

DUTIES OF INSPECTOR.

He shall keep a record of all business of the department, which record and all other books and papers relating to the transactions of the department shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Selectmen, and he shall submit to them a yearly report of such business and such other special reports as they at any time may require.

He shall receive applications and issue permits for the erection and alteration of buildings as hereinafter described, and shall keep detailed and sufficient records of such applications and permits.

He shall not give a permit for the erection or alteration of any building until he shall have carefully inspected the plans and specifications of it, if a new building, and also the premises if an alteration, and ascertained that the building as proposed will have sufficient strength, proper means of ingress and egress, and that it will conform to the laws.

He shall, as often as practicable, inspect all building work for which a permit may have been issued and shall make a record of all violations of these By-laws, with the name of the owner, occupant, architect and master mechanic, and of any other matters pertinent thereto.

He shall examine all buildings reported dangerous or damaged by accident or fire and make a record of such examination, the nature and amount of damage, the location of said building, for what purpose occupied, the names of owner and occupant, and shall report the facts to the Board of Selectmen without delay.

He shall require to be furnished and shall keep a copy of the plans and specifications of every building used for public purposes, and of such other buildings as may be hereinafter so required.

All records and papers pertaining to this Department shall be the property of the Town.

The Inspector of Buildings may, so far as is necessary for the performance of his duties, enter any building or premises within the Town at any reasonable hour.

SECTION III.

BUILDING LIMITS.

The Selectmen may, after a hearing of which public notice shall be given at least seven days prior to said hearing, by posting a written notice in at least fifteen public places in town, and by causing the same to be published in some newspaper published in the

Town, one day at least prior to the time of holding said hearing, pass a vote defining building limits within the Town, and upon the acceptance of said vote by the inhabitants of the Town, at a Town Meeting, called as provided by law, said building limits shall be established.

Said building limits may comprise the whole or any specified part or parts of the territory of the Town.

SECTION IV.

PERMITS.

No building shall be erected, enlarged, altered, raised, moved or torn down, nor shall any work be done upon any structure within the building limits, except necessary or ordinary repairs, until an application therefor shall have been filed in writing to the Inspector of Buildings, nor until plans and specifications of such work shall have been submitted to him, and not until a written permit shall have been issued by said Inspector of Buildings.

The plans and specifications, above stated as requisite to obtain a permit, shall be deposited temporarily with the Inspector, who shall be permitted to make without unreasonable delay, such memoranda therefrom as may be necessary for record, and who shall then return them to the applicant.

No building designed to be used in whole or in part for mercantile or manufacturing purposes, or as a hotel, apartment house or tenement house, shall be erected in any part of the Town, whether within or outside the building limits, until plans and specifications shall have been deposited with the Inspector of Buildings, who shall require a copy of such plans and specifications to be kept permanently as records.

A copy of plans and specifications of every building to be used for public purposes, or of any alteration of such building, shall be deposited permanently with the Inspector.

All plans, specifications and descriptions deposited, temporarily or permanently, shall be dated and signed by the Inspector as soon as received by him.

The conditions hereinafter required having been complied with in said plans, specifications or descriptions, the Inspector shall forthwith issue a permit.

No permit issued by such Inspector shall be in force for more than twelve months, provided the work proposed shall not have been actually commenced within that time.

SECTION V.

No building to be used as a factory, or for the manufacture of explosives, or for chemicals or rendering works, shall be erected, and no engine, dynamo or boiler for motive power shall be set or erected, and no building to be used for a stable, in which more than four horses are to be kept, shall be erected, altered or moved, without a permit from the Inspector of Buildings, countersigned by the Board of Selectmen, and such permit shall not be granted until after a public hearing before the Selectmen, who shall give notice of such hearing by posting written notice in at least fifteen public places in Town, and by mailing a copy of the same to all the owners of premises within five hundred feet of the proposed location of the building, addressed to their last known residence or place of business, and by publishing the same in the newspaper published in the Town.

Notice of hearings required under this section shall be sent by the Selectmen to the Board of Health.

SECTION VI.

The Selectmen may, in their discretion, after a hearing as provided in the previous section, instruct the Inspector of Buildings not to issue the permit asked for at such hearing, and in such case no such permit shall be issued.

SECTION VII.

In case the owner of any building or other structure, or an applicant for a permit to erect or alter a building or other structure, is dissatisfied with any order or decision of the Inspector of Buildings, and shall file with said Inspector an objection in writing, the

matter shall be referred at once to the Selectmen who, within one week from said reference, shall hear the parties, and, after taking such expert opinion as may seem to the Selectmen to be necessary, give their decision. In case the decision of the Inspector of Buildings be affirmed, the expense of such expert opinion taken by the Selectmen shall be paid to the Town by the owner or applicant, on demand; otherwise such expense shall be borne by the Town.

SECTION VIII.

No wooden building within the building limits shall be placed within two feet of the line of an adjoining lot, unless the complete external walls next said line shall be built of brick and shall be at least eight inches in thickness, or of stone not less than eighteen inches in thickness, nor shall any wooden building be placed nearer than three feet in any part thereof to a building already erected, used for dwelling purposes, unless it be an addition to the existing building.

SECTION IX.

All wooden buildings within the building limits intended to be used as dwelling houses, if built in blocks of two or more, and if three stories in height, shall have brick party walls separating each dwelling or each single vertical set of dwellings from the next adjoining.

In blocks two stories high, there shall not be more than two dwellings or vertical sets of dwellings together without the intervention of a similar brick wall.

These party walls shall be not less than eight inches thick and shall be carried to the roof boarding.

SECTION X.

In all tenement houses each set of tenements shall have a staircase from street level to roof, and, if more than two stories in height, shall have an additional stairway on the opposite side or end of the

tenement, or in default of this, a suitable fire escape on the exterior easily accessible from each floor above the first.

SECTION XI.

All buildings other than single dwellings, and all buildings over two stories high, shall have permanent and convenient means of access to the roof from the inside. The openings in the roof shall be not less than twenty by thirty inches.

SECTION XII.

UNSAFE CHIMNEYS, ETC.

If any chimney flue or heating apparatus shall, in the opinion of the Inspector of Buildings be unsafe, he shall at once notify in writing the owner, agent or other party having an interest in the premises, who upon receiving said notice shall make the same safe to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

SECTION XIII.

FIRE-STOPS.

All buildings used for dwellings, offices or public purposes hereafter erected within the building limits shall have fire-stops in the interior composed of cement, plaster, mortar, or some incombustible material set solid in mortar, in the following manner:—

In brick and stone buildings the spaces between all furring on walls and between the studding of all partitions shall be filled solid and flush to a height of six inches above the floor joists in each story.

The spaces between such parts of floor joists as rest upon partition head shall also be filled to the same width as studding above.

In wooden buildings the spaces between the floor joists under and over partitions and also between the studs of each exterior wall, and of partitions at top and bottom of each story, shall be stopped sufficiently to check effectively any draught from one story to another or from the horizontal spaces between floor joists to the vertical spaces in walls and partitions.

In all buildings the spaces between stringers of stairs and joists of landings, unless unceiled, shall be fire-stopped sufficiently to prevent the passage of air.

The spaces around chimneys inside of studding or furring making air ducts are to be thoroughly fire-stopped with suitable incombustible materials.

SECTION XIV.

BUILDING GRADES.

The Selectmen may, after a hearing of which public notice shall be given at least seven days prior to said hearing, by posting a written notice in at least fifteen public places in town, and by publishing the same in the newspaper published in the town, and by giving personal notice to the owners of the land to be affected by delivering to such owners a copy of said notice, or by depositing the same in the post office post-paid, and addressed to them at their last known residence or place of business, pass a vote establishing a building grade or building grades for any part or parts of the town, and on acceptance of such vote by the inhabitants of the Town at a Town Meeting, called as provided by law, said building grade or building grades shall be established.

Said building grade or building grades may be at different heights above the level of the sea, in different parts of the town, as the nature of the ground may require.

No cellar floor of any building erected on land for which a building grade has been established, nor any part except the foundation of a building which has no cellar, shall be below said grade.

SECTION XV.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.

Any person, firm or corporation guilty of a violation of any provision of these By-laws, or who after twenty-four hours' notice from the Inspector shall continue to violate any provision of these By-laws, shall be liable to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for each offence.

SECTION XVI.

The Inspector of Buildings, in the name of the Town, may take such measures as the public safety requires to carry these By-laws and every section thereof into effect, and any expense incurred in so doing may be recovered by the Town from the owner of the defective property.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,
HARRY P. BOSSON,
FRANK G. NICHOLS,
GEORGE L. PRATT,
GEORGE E. GILL,
Committee.

Voted to accept and adopt report of Committee on Building Laws.

Voted that Solon Bancroft be a committee of one to get these By-laws approved by the Supreme Court.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will accept the provision of Section 20, Chapter 106 of the Revised Laws.

Art. 43. Voted to pass over.

Art. 44. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

The Selectmen make the following report: Guide Posts, or suitable substitutes therefor, are erected and maintained at the following locations, viz:

Corner Walnut St. and South St.

“ Walnut St. and Summer Ave.

“ Main St. and Summer Ave.

“ Woburn St. and Summer Ave.

“ West St. and Summer Ave.

“ West St. and Woburn St.

“ Lowell St. and Willow St.

“ Lowell St. and High St.

Corner Lowell St. and Middlesex Ave.

- " Grove St. and Franklin St.
- " Main St. and Franklin St.
- " Mill St. and Short St.
- " Franklin St. and Haverhill St.
- " Charles St. and Haverhill St.
- " Haverhill St. and Pine St.
- " Pine St. and Salem St.
- " Charles St. and Main St.
- " Charles St. and Pearl St.
- " Main St. and Pearl St.
- " Main St. and Salem St.
- " Salem St. and Lowell St.
- " Woburn St. and Lowell St.
- " Salem St. and Harnden St.
- " Main St. and Pleasant St.
- " Pleasant St. and Parker St.
- " Haven St. and Village St.
- " Main St. and Ash St.

Main St. on the Common.

Harnden St. near Pleasant St.

JAMES W. KILLAM,	}	Selectmen of Reading.
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,		
GEORGE L. PRATT,		

Reading, Mass., March 1, 1907.

Voted to accept report and adopt recommendation of Selectmen.

Voted to raise and appropriate fifty dollars from amount raised and appropriated for miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 45. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to fill all vacancies occurring on Finance Committee.

Art. 3. Voted, to take from the table.

Art. 3. Voted, that the Collector be instructed to collect all taxes (so far as possible) on or before Oct 1st next, and upon all taxes unpaid at the time to add interest, at the rate of six per cent. per annum from said date until paid, and also to collect all taxes unpaid January 1st next, forthwith, by process of law, unless further time is granted by the Selectmen.

Art. 3. Voted that the expense incurred in examination of children in the public schools be referred to the Board of Health.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 46. List of names of Jurors.

The Subscribers, Selectmen, present the following list of persons who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors :

Adden, John H.	. . . . .	Retired
Allen, William J.	. . . . .	Clerk
Bailey, Willard L.	. . . . .	Merchant
Baker, William H.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Batcheller, Warren A.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Beaudry, Charles B.	. . . . .	Organ Pipe Worker
Bosson, Harry P.	. . . . .	Insurance Agent
Brown, John	. . . . .	Retired
Brown, Joseph	. . . . .	Restaurateur
Brown, Samuel	. . . . .	Wheelwright
Canty, Daniel F.	. . . . .	Cabinet Maker
Carter, George	. . . . .	Laborer
Connelly, John	. . . . .	R. R. Employe
Connolly, James	. . . . .	Clerk
Cook, George W.	. . . . .	Bookkeeper
Cook, Walter F.	. . . . .	Painter
Cullinane, John M.	. . . . .	Motorman

Davis, Arthur E.	.	.	.	.	.	R. R. Employee
Eames, Charles B.	.	.	.	.	.	Shoe Worker
Eames, Edward B.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
Eames, Horace E.	.	.	.	.	.	Laborer
Eames, Webster	.	.	.	.	.	Laborer
Eaton, John H.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Flint, George L.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Green, Timothy G.	.	.	.	.	.	Conductor
Hanscom, Edwin C.	.	.	.	.	.	Contractor
Horrocks, George E.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
Johnson, J. Dana	.	.	.	.	.	Shoe Worker
Jones, William H.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Killam, Joseph W.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Kimball, Charles D.	.	.	.	.	.	Machinist
Kingman, William H.	.	.	.	.	.	Artist
Knight, Edgar M.	.	.	.	.	.	Machinist
Krook, Lambertus W.	.	.	.	.	.	Cabinet Maker
Krook, Matthys H.	.	.	.	.	.	Cabinet Maker
Lee, Charles W.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
Lovejoy, Eugene L.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
McDougall, Chester W.	.	.	.	.	.	Plumber
McIntire, Herbert R.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Mack, George	.	.	.	.	.	Upholsterer
Mears, William H.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
Milbury, Ora L.	.	.	.	.	.	Wood Worker
Nesmith, Charles I.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Nichols, Amos C.	.	.	.	.	.	Caterer
Nichols, Moses E.	.	.	.	.	.	Painter
Nichols, Parker	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Oakes, George F.	.	.	.	.	.	Engineer
Park, Howard L.	.	.	.	.	.	Mason
Parker, Asa	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Parker, Fred A.	.	.	.	.	.	Organ Pipe Worker
Parker, Fred H.	.	.	.	.	.	Expressman
Parker, Horace A.	.	.	.	.	.	Cabinet Maker
Pratt, David W.	.	.	.	.	.	Laborer

Pratt, Wilmot K.	. . . . .	Laborer
Prichard, Augustus D.	. . . . .	Farmer
Roberts, Joseph A.	. . . . .	Clerk
Roundy, Elwin J.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Runkle, E. Holcombe	. . . . .	Clerk
Sargent, George A.	. . . . .	Shoe Worker
Smith, Benjamin Y.	. . . . .	Organ Pipe Worker
Somes, Alvin G.	. . . . .	Clerk
Stewart, Spencer G.	. . . . .	Builder
Stinchfield, Charles H.	. . . . .	Machinist
Stock, Herbert G.	. . . . .	Contractor
Stone, Irving W.	. . . . .	Farmer
Stott, J. Albert	. . . . .	Carpenter
Temple, Joseph S.	. . . . .	Manufacturer
Waters, James A.	. . . . .	Steam Fitter
White, Thomas J.	. . . . .	Merchant
Wight, Ephraim	. . . . .	Carpenter
Willis, Frank W.	. . . . .	Electrician
Quillen, William	. . . . .	Carpenter

JAMES W. KILLAM,	} Selectmen	
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,		of
GEORGE L. PRATT,		Reading.

William Wallace Davis' name was stricken from the list.

Voted, to add the following names to the list of Jurors:

Powers, Richard P.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Robinson, Joseph S.	. . . . .	Real Estate
Manning, Benjamin F.	. . . . .	Nurseryman

Voted, to accept the list of Jurors as amended.

Art. 2. Voted that the reports of the various Town Officers, as printed in Annual Town Report, and report of Finance Committee be accepted.

Voted, to adjourn without date.

A true copy, attest :

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

READING, MASS., May 13, 1907.

Pursuant to the town warrant and the Constable's return thereon a Town Meeting was held at the time and place therein specified and was called to order by Town Clerk Millard F. Charles, who read the warrant and the return thereon.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 1. George L. Pratt was chosen to check the lists of those voting for Moderator. The polls were duly declared open and closed. Whole number of votes cast, 6. George L. Flint had that number and was declared unanimously elected Moderator.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the report of the Committee of Investigation of the Electric Light and Power Plant.

Art. 2. Voted that the Municipal Light Board, together with Gilman L. Parker, Frank F. Strout, William H. Byers and John F. Turner be made a Committee with full power to act for the Town in the renewal, alteration, reconstruction and enlargement of the Municipal Light and Power Plant, substantially as set forth under Prop. No. 3 of the Engineers' Report and recommended by the Special Committee.

Art. 3. To consider whether the Town will issue its notes and bonds in the sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars for the purpose of providing funds for alterations or additions to the equipment of the Municipal Light and Power Plant, and to determine the time or times of payments of such notes or bonds, and to take any other action relating thereto.

Art. 3. Voted that for the purpose of providing funds for the renewal, reconstruction and equipment of the Munici-

pal Light and Power Plant, the Treasurer is hereby authorized from time to time under the direction of the the Selectmen, to borrow money in the aggregate principal sum of twenty-six thousand dollars, in addition to the amount already on hand in the Depreciation Fund of said Plant, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town, either or both, therefor, in the said aggregate sum, twenty-six thousand dollars, which notes or bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum, such interest to be payable semi-annually, and the principal sums thereof to be payable as follows, viz. : One thousand dollars for each year for the term of twenty-six years beginning with the year 1908. Said vote was taken by a rising vote, 97 voting in favor of and none against.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the salary of the Superintendent and Manager of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for salary of Superintendent and Manager for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907.

Voted to adjourn.

A true copy, attest :

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 18TH, 1907.

Pursuant to the town warrant and the Constable's return thereof a Town Meeting was held at the time and place

therein specified and was called to order by Town Clerk Mil-
lard F. Charles, who read the warrant and the Constable's
return thereon.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meet-
ing.

Art. 1. Under this article proceeded to ballot for a
Moderator. James W. Killam was appointed to check the
names of those voting. The ballot was duly opened and
closed. Whole number of votes cast, five, all for George L.
Flint, who was declared unanimously elected Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will authorize the issue of
water bonds to an amount not exceeding \$25,000, under
Chapter 381, Act of the Legislature of 1907, or what they
will do in relation thereto.

Art. 2. Voted, that the Town Treasurer be and he is
hereby authorized to issue the bonds of the Town for the
aggregate principal sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to
pay the cost of extending the water mains and for such other
expenses therewith the water department as may be authorized
by vote of the Town; said bonds shall be issued in accordance
with the provisions of Chapter 381, Acts of 1907, shall be of
the denomination of one thousand dollars each, and shall bear
on their face Reading Water Loan, Act of 1907, shall be num-
bered consecutively from 276 to 300 inclusive, and shall be
dated June 1st, 1907, and shall be payable one thousand
dollars annually beginning with the year 1913. The bonds
shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum
payable semi-annually upon the presentation of the proper
coupons thereto attached, on the first days of June and
December of the years specified in said coupons. Both prin-
cipal and interest shall be paid at some bank or trust com-
pany in Boston named in the bonds. Said bonds shall be

signed by the Town Treasurer and countersigned by the Water Commissioners, and shall be sold by the Treasurer from time to time upon the request and with the approval of the Water Commissioners at a price not less than par and accrued interest. Said vote was taken by a standing vote,—16 voted in favor and none against.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will authorize its Board of Water Commissioners to remodel the filter plant at the pumping station substantially in accordance with plans shown in the report of Dec. 31, 1906, and will authorize the sale of bonds to pay for same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 3. Voted, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to sell Bonds to an amount not exceeding fourteen thousand dollars, for the purpose of remodelling the water filter at the pumping station substantially in accordance with plans shown in their report of Dec. 31, 1906.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to lay additional water mains for the purpose of improving the fire protection service in the district west of Summer ave., or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 4. Voted that the Water Commissioners be authorized to lay a six inch main from Summer ave. to connect with the six inch main near the house of Charles B. Eames on Oak st., and that water bonds be sold to pay cost of such extension.

Voted to adjourn without date.

A true copy, attest :

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL STATE ELECTION, NOV. 5, 1907.

Pursuant to the Town warrant and the return thereon, an election was held at the time and place therein specified.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, James W. Killam. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. S. Hunnewell. The warrant was read. The ballot box was opened and declared empty, and registered 0000, and the keys were delivered to the Constable in charge of the ballot box.

The ballots were delivered to the presiding officer, James W. Killam, who receipted for the same and the following election officers were duly sworn:

Ballot Clerks — Chester C. Richardson, Fred. A. Parker, Horace E. Eames.

Tellers — Charles H. Stinchfield, Harry E. Smith, Frank E. Gleason, Alfred W. Danforth, Clinton L. Newell, Spencer G. Stewart, Henry M. Donegan, John Connelly, John B. Champney, John D. Canty.

The polls were declared open at 6 o'clock A. M. It was voted to close the polls at 4.30 P. M.

Ballots were taken out and counted, no objections being made.

The polls were duly closed at the time voted, 4.30 P. M. The ballot box registered that 994 ballots were cast and the ballot clerks reported 994 names were checked, and the whole number of ballots reported, as counted by the tellers, was 994, all agreeing, and following is the result of the vote :

GOVERNOR

Charles W. Bartlett of Newton	.	.	.	.	.	18
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem	.	.	.	.	.	5
John W. Brown of Worcester	.	.	.	.	.	5
Hervey S. Cowell of Ashburnham	.	.	.	.	.	13
Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston	.	.	.	.	.	678
Thomas L. Hisgen of West Springfield	.	.	.	.	.	136
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline	.	.	.	.	.	84

Henry M. Whitney of Brookline	7
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline	5
Blanks	43

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

E. Gerry Brown of Brockton	163
John T. Cahill of Lawrence	10
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	642
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester	7
Robert Lawrence of Clinton	2
Jonathan C. Lewis of Stoneham	12
George A. Schofield of Ipswich	87
Blanks	71

SECRETARY

Solon W. Bingham of Newton	15
Odilon Z. E. Charest of Holyoke	75
John Hall, Jr., of Chicopee	7
William M. Olin of Boston	727
Arthur E. Reiner of Boston	4
Dennis J. Ring of Lowell	60
Blanks	106

TREASURER

Albert Barnes of Fall River	6
Edward J. Cantwell of Fall River	59
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke	729
William P. Connery of Lynn	8
Daniel F. Doherty of Westfield	68
Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware	6
Edward Kendall of Cambridge	14
Blanks	104

AUDITOR

Joao Claudino of New Bedford	7
Joseph A. Conroy of Boston	73

Thomas E. Finnerty of Clinton	. . . . .	50
George G. Hall of Boston	. . . . .	10
James F. Pease of Merrimac	. . . . .	19
Henry E. Turner of Malden	. . . . .	706
Blanks	. . . . .	139

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Allen Coffin of Nantucket	. . . . .	24
Dana Malone of Greenfield	. . . . .	697
John McCarty of Abington	. . . . .	5
James E. McConnell of Boston	. . . . .	75
William N. Osgood of Lowell	. . . . .	70
Harvey H. Pratt of Scituate	. . . . .	9
Gilbert G. Smith of Lawrence	. . . . .	6
Blanks	. . . . .	107
Scattering	. . . . .	1

COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT

Alvin S. Bennett of Westford	. . . . .	108
Seward W. Jones of Newton	. . . . .	738
William H. Partridge of Newton	. . . . .	33
Blanks	. . . . .	145

SENATOR, SEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

William F. Curtis of Lowell	. . . . .	124
James Wilson Grimes of Reading	. . . . .	741
Blanks	. . . . .	128

TWO REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT OF MASS.

George L. Flint of Reading	. . . . .	344
James W. Killam of Reading	. . . . .	690
Andrew R. Linscott of Woburn	. . . . .	529
Scattering	. . . . .	4
Blanks	. . . . .	421

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Francis Bigelow of Natick	700
George A. DeLord of Acton	83
Austin B. Robbins of Cambridge	20
George W. C. Smith of Somerville	64
Blanks	126

TWO ASSOCIATE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

James H. Christie of Newton	81
George B. Glidden of Waltham	89
Matthew H. Quick of Cambridge	26
David T. Strange of Stoneham	654
Edward Everett Thompson of Woburn	581
Charles A. Ward of Stoneham	32
Blanks	525

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, NORTHERN DISTRICT

John J. Higgins of Somerville	753
John J. McClure of Lowell	100
Scattering	1
Blanks	140

SHERIFF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

John R. Fairbairn of Cambridge	741
Albion A. Weeks of Cambridge	22
George W. Wilkins of Carlisle	100
Blanks	131

For the proposed amendment to the Constitution authorizing the Governor with the consent of the Council to remove Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public be approved and ratified:

Yes	388
No	139
Blanks	467

The votes were counted and declared in open Town Meeting, and sealed, signed and delivered to the Town Clerk.

Voted to adjourn without date.

A true copy, attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

In accordance with the provisions of Section 290, Chapter 560, Acts of 1907, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerks of Burlington, Reading, North Reading, and Wilmington, being the City and Town Clerks of every city and town in Representative District number twenty within said County, met at the City Hall, Woburn, at noon on Friday, November 15th, A. D. 1907, being the tenth day succeeding the day of the State Election held on Tuesday, November 5th, A. D. 1907, and then and there opened, examined and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the office of Representative, and determined therefrom that James W. Killam of Reading and Andrew R. Linscott of Woburn were elected to the office of Representative.

The following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative were given in said District and the number of votes given for each person, viz.:—

George L. Flint of Reading	.	.	.	.	.	.	1192
James W. Killam of Reading	.	.	.	.	.	.	1809
Andrew R. Linscott of Woburn	.	.	.	.	.	.	1872
John B. Moran	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Scattering	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Blanks	.	.	.	.	.	.	1611
Defective	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

In witness whereof, we, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerks of Burlington, Reading, North Reading and Wilmington, hereunto set our hands this 15th day of November, A. D. 1907.

JOHN H. FINN, City Clerk, Woburn,
HARRY H. NICHOLS, Town Clerk, Burlington,
MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk, Reading,
ARTHUR F. UPTON, Town Clerk, North Reading,
JAMES E. KELLEY, Town Clerk, Wilmington.

Clerk's Office, received and recorded, Nov. 16, 1907.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR 1907

Whole number of licenses issued 341.			
42 female licenses issued at \$5.00	.	.	\$210 00
300 male licenses issued at \$2.00	.	.	600 00
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Total receipts	.	.	\$800 00
Less fees for 342 licenses at 20c.	.	.	68 40
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Total due County Treasurer	.	.	\$741 60
June 1, 1907, paid County Treasurer	.	.	\$408 00
Dec. 1, 1907, paid County Treasurer	.	.	328 80
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Total paid County Treasurer	.	.	\$736 80
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Balance due County	.	.	\$4 80
No. of dogs returned by Assessors to Town Clerk:			
Total females reported	.	.	29
Total males reported	.	.	260
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Total reported	.	.	289

This year I licensed 51 dogs more than were reported to me by the Assessors. Some of these were looked up by myself from old licenses, some were new comers after the 1st of May, and others were found by the police, who aided very much in looking up delinquents and unreported and unlicensed dogs.

STATUTE LAWS FOR THE LICENSING OF DOGS

Sec. 128. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually on or before the 30th day of April cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed

for one year from the first day of May following in the office of the Clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its owner's name and its registered number.

Sec. 129. The owner or keeper of a dog may at any time have it licensed until the first day of May following; and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after the first day of May which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog not duly licensed which becomes three months old after the 30th day of April in any year, shall when it is three months old cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed and collared as provided in the preceding section.

Sec. 130. The fee for every license shall be two dollars for a male dog and five dollars for a female dog, unless a certificate of a competent person who performed the operation has been filed with the City or Town Clerk that said female dog has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation, in which case the fee shall be two dollars.

Sec. 136. A license duly recorded shall be valid throughout the Commonwealth and may be transferred with the dog licensed thereunder, but it shall in each case of transfer be again recorded by the Clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. No license shall be required to be recorded anew unless the dog shall have been kept in such city or town at least 30 days.

Sec. 137. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the provisions of this Chapter shall, except as provided in Section 139, forfeit not more than fifteen dollars, which shall be paid to the Treasurer of the county in which the dog is kept.

Sec. 138. No person shall keep or have in his care or possession any bloodhound, or any dog classed by dog fanciers or breeders as Cuban Bloodhound, Siberian Bloodhound, German Mastiff or Great Dane, Boarhound or Ulmer dog, whether said dog is in whole or in part of said species, unless such dog is kept solely for exhibi-

tion. In such case he shall at all times be kept securely enclosed or chained, and shall not be allowed at large, even though in charge of a keeper, unless properly and securely muzzled.

Sec. 139. Whoever keeps a dog described in the preceding section in violation of the provisions thereof shall be fined fifty dollars, ten dollars of which shall be paid to the complainant and forty dollars to the Treasurer of the County in which said dog is kept.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Dec. 31, 1907.

Selectmen's Report

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1907

Board of Selectmen

JAMES W. KILLAM, *Chairman*

OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Secretary*

GEORGE L. PRATT

(OFFICERS REPORTING DIRECTLY TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

Superintendent of Streets

LEMUEL W. ALLEN

Superintendent of Moth Work

GUY A. HUBBARD

Chief of Police

WILLIAM T. LEGGETT

Engineers Fire Department

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief Engineer*

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, *Assistant Engineer*

ALBION G. NICHOLS, *Secretary*

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRANK W. PARKER

Burial Agent Deceased Soldiers and Sailors

EPHRAIM WIGHT

Inspector of Animals and Provisions

C. H. PLAYDON, M.D.V.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:

Your Board of Selectmen herewith submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907:

The many questions which have arisen for discussion and decision before this Board this year have been given close attention and the decisions rendered have apparently been of a nature satisfactory to the majority of our citizens.

We have always tried to make it clear to any and all citizens who have complaints to make, or suggestions and advice to offer, that we are ready to listen, discuss and act when it seems necessary.

We have received from various organizations and citizens, as we have met them, endorsements of many of our actions, and to those organizations and citizens we wish to express our thanks. There is one thing certain, that if you believe your officials are doing effective work, the best way to get better work is to commend them for their efforts. No service can be made permanently better than that which will be sustained by the best average sentiment of the community.

The several departments reporting directly to this Board have done commendable work.

In the department of streets, besides the usual routine work of cleaning the gutters and catch basins, re-shaping streets, keeping the Square and streets in center clean, and small repairs, we have done a considerable amount of gravel

grading in places where it was badly needed. There was built on Prescott st. a macadam road for a distance of about 500 feet beginning at Washington st. and running westerly. This is a great improvement to the street, which at certain periods of the year has not been pleasant to travel over. It became evident this fall that it would be a benefit to extend this macadam about fifty feet and this will undoubtedly be done early next season. Salem st. has been macadamized from Harnden st. running in an easterly direction a distance of about 2,057 feet. This was done under the direction of the State Highway Commission. The Commission, upon application of this Board, allotted to the Town the sum of \$1132, which was to cover one-half of the expense of building this piece of road. The total cost was \$2370. All plans, grades and the services of an engineer to supervise the work were furnished by the Commission. With the same appropriation next year we will be able to continue the work and will without doubt receive the same assistance from the State as this year.

Kingston st. has been laid out and the street put in fair shape with a sidewalk the entire length on one side. The street is accessible from either end and the snow can be ploughed from the sidewalk, which greatly improves the travel to Mt. Vernon st. Considerable complaint has been made in regard to the condition of Middlesex ave. This matter has been taken up with the Boston & Northern St. Ry., who have a certain amount of responsibility in this case, and after considerable correspondence we feel that we can assure the citizens that the ave. will be put in better condition early next season.

The work of the moth department has been carried on in a systematic manner and the cooperation of the citizens in carrying out the provisions of the law has been almost invar-

iable. The conditions in the residential section are improving. Acting under instructions from the State Superintendent, all property when not cleaned after a given date is entered upon and the work done by the Town men, useless trees are cut down and the holes in those which are to be saved are patched with tin, which is tarred to give it enduring qualities. We feel that the burden on the property where good work is done this season will be considerably lightened for several years to come.

The roadsides in some places have been cleaned up and thinned out for a distance of fifty feet back from the street line. This is necessary to prevent general infestation. In some places where walks and under bush are badly infested the caterpillars have been allowed to hatch out and have been burned with a kerosene spray burning outfit. This method is very effective in certain places.

On account of the late season the moths came before the leaves in some places and destroyed the foliage before it had developed enough to hold the poison. We purchased a power sprayer and with it very effective work was done, and we expect much from this method in the coming season. Burlap and tanglefoot was used to good advantage as in years past. We cannot urge too strongly the need of co-operative effort on the part of citizens.

Chief of Police F. D. Merrill resigned on April 1, to take effect April 13, 1907. After due consideration it seemed advisable to fill the vacancy from out of town, and on April 15 William T. Leggett, ex-Inspector of the Boston Police Dept., was appointed Chief of Police.

We invite your attention to the financial statements which will be found on the following pages.

JAMES W. KILLAM,	} Selectmen of Reading.
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,	
GEORGE L. PRATT,	

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$3,700 00
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EXPENDED.

J. W. Killam, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1907, to Dec. 31, 1907	\$300 00
O. L. Akerley, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1907, to Dec. 31, 1907	250 00
G. L. Pratt, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1907, to Dec. 31, 1907	250 00
E. F. Parker, Treasurer, 1907	400 00
E. F. Parker, Assessor, 1907	250 00
J. H. Adden, Assessor, 1907	250 00
M. F. Charles, Assessor, 1907	250 00
M. F. Charles, Clerk Board of Registrars, 1907	40 00
M. F. Charles, Town Clerk, 1907	150 00
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1904	1 91
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1905	72 80
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1906	228 56
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1907	541 23
J. F. Turner, Auditor, year ending March 1, 1907	33 33

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$3,017 83	\$3,700 00
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,017 83	\$3,700 00
A. R. Shepardson, Auditor, year ending March 1, 1907	33 33	
E. O. Dewey, Auditor, year ending March 1, 1907	33 33	
G. H. Clough, Registrar, year ending April 30, 1907	30 00	
O. McKenney, Registrar, year ending Dec. 31, 1907	30 00	
W. S. Prentiss, Registrar, year ending Dec. 31, 1907	30 00	
W. F. Cook, Electric Light Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1907, to March 1, 1907 . . .	12 50	
George L. Flint, Electric Light Commis- sioner, Jan. 1, 1907, to Dec. 31, 1907 .	75 00	
F. W. Willis, Electric Light Commissioner, Nov. 30, 1906, to Nov. 30, 1907 . . .	75 00	
W. C. Buck, Electric Light Commissioner, Mar. 1, 1907, to Dec. 31, 1907 . . .	62 50	
H. R. Johnson, Water Commissioner, 1907	75 00	
G. A. Shackford, Water Commissioner, 1907	75 00	
E. H. Gowing, Water Commissioner, 1907	75 00	
C. H. Playdon, Board of Health, 1907 .	25 00	
F. D. Merrill, Sec'y Board of Health, 1907	50 00	
George L. Flint, Board of Health, 1907 .	25 00	
Overdrawn		24 49
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	\$3,724 49	\$3,724 49

TOWN BUILDING AND OFFICE

Appropriation	\$450 00
Received from junk dealers' licenses	50 00
Received from postage returned	1 48

EXPENDED

C. W. Abbott, Postmaster, stamps	90 32	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel, 1907	182 06	
M. F. Charles, supplies	23 59	
Hobbs & Warren Co., supplies	3 50	
W. S. Greenough & Co., ledger	7 50	
Samuel Ward Co., supplies, Town Clerk	15 00	
Allen Doane & Co., supplies	2 50	
Worrell Mfg. Co., supplies	10 00	
T. C. Fife, plumbing	34 50	
George H. Walker & Co., atlas	25 00	
W. J. McGraw Stamp Co., rubber stamps	2 85	
W. H. Hall & Co., keys	1 25	
The Item Press, Assessors' blanks	3 50	
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., glass for door	1 65	
O. L. Milbury, screens	11 00	
W. F. Cook, painting	50 00	
L. T. Eames, supplies	7 93	
F. W. Danforth, painting sign	2 50	
E. F. Parker, Treasurer, expenses as Treas- urer	4 87	
Thomas Groom & Co., Tax Collector's books	18 00	
Reading Water Works, water rates	7 41	
Municipal Light Board, supplies	2 90	
Francis Brothers, supplies	1 55	
A. S. Cook & Co., supplies	25	
Stewart & Robertson, repairs	3 50	
J. S. Bond, removing awnings	1 00	
John Stock, cleaning cesspool	7 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$521 13</u>	<u>\$501 48</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$521 13	\$501 48
American Express Co., expressing . . .	20	
F. H. Parker & Sons, expressing . . .	3 50	
Hoyt, Martin Co., awning	3 50	
G. H. Atkinson Co., supplies	20	
A. M. Burchard, typewriting	2 00	
Mary E. Vermille, typewriting	1 00	
Overdrawn		39 05
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	\$531 53	\$531 53

PRINTING

Appropriation	\$700 00
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EXPENDED

W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Town Reports, 1906	\$375 20	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, extra copies Water, Light and School Reports	46 50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, reports of Commit- tee on Building Laws and adv. same . . .	33 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Miscel. Printing . .	280 00	
Overdrawn		34 70
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	\$734 70	\$734 70

ELECTION EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$300 00
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EXPENDED

Lyceum Hall Association, rent of hall for caucuses, Town meetings and elections	\$74 00	
Lyceum Hall Association, putting up and taking down booths	3 00	
C. H. Stinchfield, teller, March and Novem- ber, 1907	10 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$87 00	\$300 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$87 00	\$300 00
Geo. L. Flint, moderator, March 4, 1907, May 13, 1907, and June 18, 1907.	20 00	
H. E. McIntire, teller, March 4, 1907	5 00	
H. M. Donegan, teller, March and Nov., 1907	10 00	
C. L. Newell, teller, March and November, 1907	10 00	
J. D. Canty, teller, March and November, 1907	10 00	
H. E. Smith, teller, March and November, 1907	10 00	
J. B. Champney, teller, March and Novem- ber, 1907	10 00	
J. W. Killam, election officer, November, 1907	5 00	
O. L. Akerley, election officer, November, 1907	5 00	
G. L. Pratt, election officer, November, 1907	5 00	
J. Connelly, teller, November, 1906, March, 1907, November, 1907	15 00	
F. E. Gray, teller, March, 1907	5 00	
S. G. Stewart, teller, November, 1907	5 00	
A. W. Danforth, teller, November, 1907	5 00	
W. K. Badger, teller, March, 1907	5 00	
C. C. Richardson, ballot clerk, March and November, 1907	10 00	
H. E. Eames, ballot clerk, March and No- vember, 1907	10 00	
F. A. Parker, ballot clerk, March and No- vember, 1907	10 00	
F. D. Merrill, posting warrants	1 00	
J. H. Orr, services at election, March, 1907	2 50	
Robert Powers, services at election, March, 1907	2 50	
Unexpended	52 00	
	<hr/> \$300 00	<hr/> \$300 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
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EXPENDED

Janet C. Varney, supplies	\$63 50
Susan M. Penney, supplies	72 00
Harriett V. Hall, supplies	48 00
Lucius C. Curtis, supplies	10 00
Samuel Rounds, supplies	218 70
Benj. F. McAllister, supplies	88 00
Francis E. Jennings, supplies	91 21
Reuben R. Coates, supplies	24 00
Julia Bancroft, supplies	72 56
Margaret Pinkham, supplies	66 00
Kate V. Norris, supplies	95 75
Eliza J. Upton, supplies	30 00
Lydia R. Bryden, supplies	14 00
M. M. Bancroft, supplies	39 25
John Damon, supplies	12 00
Unexpended	55 03
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	\$1,000 00 \$1,000 00

PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF NORTH READING

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount due from Town of North	
Reading	\$78 00

EXPENDED

Mrs. Fred C. McIntire, rent	\$72 00
Mrs. Harriet A. McIntire, supplies	6 00
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	\$78 00 \$78 00

PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount due from Town of Marblehead		\$48 00
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EXPENDED

Lucy E. Stone, supplies	\$48 00	
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	\$48 00	\$48 00

BURIAL AGENT'S ACCOUNT

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$179 00
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EXPENDED

Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of Mar- cus M. Bancroft	35 00	
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of George F. Jones	35 00	
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of Susan B. Wattrous	35 00	
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of William L. Jones	35 00	
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of Ed- win F. Skinner	35 00	
Ephraim Wight, burial agent's services	4 00	
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	\$179 00	\$179 00

DECORATION AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation	\$175 00
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EXPENDED

Veteran Post 194, G. A. R.	\$175 00	
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	\$175 00	\$175 00

ELECTRIC LIGHTS G. A. R. HALL

Appropriation	\$50 00
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EXPENDED

Veteran Post 194, G. A. R.	\$50 00	
	<u>\$50 00</u>	<u>\$50 00</u>

STATE AND MILITARY AID

Appropriation	\$2,800 00
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EXPENDED

Wm. H. Baker	\$48 00	
Marietta Baker	48 00	
Marcus M. Bancroft	12 00	
Lydia R. Bryden	48 00	
Emmons Buck	72 00	
Julia Buck	48 00	
Edmund Buxton	48 00	
Julia Bancroft	28 00	
Lucius Curtis	42 00	
Reuben R. Coates	72 00	
John H. Corrie	36 00	
Bella Corrie	48 00	
Geo. W. Cook	48 00	
Wm. L. Crowe	48 00	
Adeline E. Clark	28 00	
Ellen M. Damon	48 00	
John Damon	48 00	
Henry Damon	36 00	
Maria D. Damon	36 00	
Horace E. Eames	48 00	
Ida Flanders	48 00	
Charles C. Frost	48 00	
	<u>\$986 00</u>	<u>\$2,800 00</u>
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$986 00	\$2,800 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$986 00	\$2,800 00
Mary Gowing	44 00	
Jennie H. Gould	24 00	
Harriet V. Hall	48 00	
Jonathan Heselton	36 00	
Richmond Heselton	72 00	
Squire Holt	36 00	
Wm. A. Hunter	48 00	
Merrill Hutchinson	48 00	
Abbie D. Huntley	4 00	
Wm. L. Jones	30 00	
Geo. H. Leavens	48 00	
Gustavus Loring	48 00	
Cora T. Marshall	48 00	
Charles Myers	48 00	
Charles W. Milbery	72 00	
John K. Meader	28 00	
Ansel Nickerson	72 00	
Kate V. Norris	48 00	
Edmund B. Parker	48 00	
Maria B. Platts	48 00	
Margaret Pinkham	48 00	
Alfred B. Roots	48 00	
Sarah A. Roots	48 00	
Susan M. Richardson	48 00	
Lucy E. Stone	48 00	
Henry F. Scruton	48 00	
Zeba M. Saunders	48 00	
George Thayer	48 00	
Abdilla Toby	40 00	
Roxanna C. Underwood	48 00	
Eliza J. Upton	48 00	
Janet C. Varney	48 00	
Daniel H. Wadlin	45 00	
Jane E. Woodward	28 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$2,525 00</u>	\$2,800 00

Amount brought forward \$2,525 00 \$2,800 00

MILITARY AID

Henry Batchelder (one-half to be paid by the Commonwealth)	\$96 00	
Unexpended	179 00	
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	\$2,800 00	\$2,800 00

ACCOUNT OF CHAS. L. HAAG

Due from Chas. L. Haag		\$92 65
EXPENDED		
Chas. L. Haag, supplies and repairs to house	\$92 65	
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	\$92 65	\$92 65

RENT OF PLAYGROUND

Appropriation		\$342 00
EXPENDED		
Kirk Sweetser, rent Jan. 1, 1907, to Dec. 31, 1907	\$342 00	
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	\$342 00	\$342 00

CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON AND PARKS

Appropriation		\$150 00
EXPENDED		
Orne Green, labor	\$59 50	
Reading Water Works, water rates	12 00	
Broad Gauge Iron Works, drinking cups	2 10	
J. F. Ames, labor	2 00	
Francis Bros., supplies	35	
Geo. A. Shackford, plowing	1 20	
Labor and teams	2 78	
Unexpended	70 07	
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	\$150 00	\$150 00

SWAN ESTATE

Amount received for rent . . .	\$31 60
Amount received from sale of property	1,100 00

EXPENDED

E. F. Parker, commission for selling property	\$56 35	
C. W. Smith, executing deed . . .	6 65	
Reading Water Works, water rates . . .	3 00	
Net amount in hands of Treasurer . . .	1,065 60	
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	\$1,131 60	\$1,131 60

BAND CONCERTS

Appropriation	\$100 00
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EXPENDED

Fred Wallace, Mgr., expenses of band . . .	\$100 00	
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	\$100 00	\$100 00

READING WATER WORKS

Appropriation	\$5,750 00
Amount raised by taxation . . .	7,000 00

EXPENDED

Reading Water Works, hydrant rentals . . .	\$4,950 00	
Reading Water Works, street sprinkler . . .	500 00	
Reading Water Works, drinking fountains . . .	300 00	
E. F. Parker, Treas., reduction of water loan, water bonds 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 169, 170	7,000 00	
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	\$12,750 00	\$12,750 00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

(General Account)

Appropriation	\$4,240 00
Unexpended balance 1906	151 42

EXPENDED

Paid Municipal Light Board	\$4,391 42	
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	\$4,391 42	\$4,391 42

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

(Depreciation Account)

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Unexpended balance, 1906	692 58
Received from Municipal Light Board	40 16

EXPENDED

Paid Municipal Light Board	\$3,732 74	
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	\$3,732 74	\$3,732 74

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

(Special Committee)

Amount received from loan	\$26,000 00
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EXPENDED

Richard D. Kimball Co., consulting engineer	\$742 18	
Hodge Boiler Works, boiler	1,058 00	
Wetmore-Savage Co., electric supplies	42 98	
General Electric Co., electric supplies	12 75	
Western Electric Co., electrical machinery	2,229 12	
F. L. Goldsmith, supplies	5 50	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$4,090 53	\$26,000 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$4,090 53	\$26,000 00
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., switches, ground detectors and condensers	494 64	
Bradlee & Chatman Co.	750 00	
Chas. E. Hall & Co., switch board	241 43	
Simplex Electrical Co., insulated wire	108 38	
Chas. A. Schieren Co., belt and labor	49 34	
Hanscom Construction Co., generator and installing same	70 00	
Hanscom Construction Co., boiler settings and engine foundation	950 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	56 00	
J. P. H. French, labor	6 00	
Alfred Brooks, labor	6 00	
Boston & Maine R.R., freight charges	7 42	
Unexpended	19,170 26	
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	\$26,000 00	\$26,000 00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

(Salary of Superintendent)

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
EXPENDED		
Paid Municipal Light Board	\$812 79	
Unexpended	187 21	
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	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS

Appropriation	\$3,100 00	
EXPENDED		
Edward F. Parker, Treas., coupons, 1907	\$3,080 00	
Unexpended	20 00	
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	\$3,100 00	\$3,100 00

INTEREST SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

Appropriation	\$1,455 00
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EXPENDED

E. F. Parker, Treas., interest paid by him .	\$1,455 00	
	<u>\$1,455 00</u>	<u>\$1,455 00</u>

SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS

Amount raised by taxation	\$2,000 00
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EXPENDED

E. F. Parker, Treas., bonds No. 16 and 17 .	\$2,000 00	
	<u>\$2,000 00</u>	<u>\$2,000 00</u>

SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

Appropriation	\$8,000 00
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EXPENDED

E. F. Parker, Treas., notes paid by him .	\$8,000 00	
	<u>\$8,000 00</u>	<u>\$8,000 00</u>

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Balance 1906 account	5,385 16
Amount received from material sold .	103 20

EXPENDED

James A. Bancroft, surveying	\$10 10	
Badger Fire Extinguisher Co., fire extin- guisher	64 00	
Mosler Safe Co., safe	120 00	
Story, Thorndike, Palmer & Thayer, legal services	20 00	
	<u>\$214 10</u>	<u>\$6,688 36</u>
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$214 10	\$6,688 36
Adden & Parker, architects	526 05	
A. P. French, legal services	150 00	
J. Woodward Manning, landscape architect	104 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber, cement and brick	24 88	
Arthur E. Burr, receiver for H. P. Cum- mings Co.	4,500 00	
Chandler & Barbour, extra hardware . .	92 50	
Unexpended	1,076 83	
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	\$6,688 36	\$6,688 36

INTEREST

Appropriation	\$300 00
Amount received from First National Bank on deposits	183 29
Amount received from accrued interest on bonds	256 78
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Col- lector, 1905	780 29
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Col- lector, 1906	986 29
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Col- lector, 1907	92 34

EXPENDED

Interest on temporary loans	\$2,590 96	
Interest on Haven and Main Street notes .	80 00	
A. W. Danforth, Secretary, interest on cem- etery bequest funds	401 50	
E F. Parker, Treas., legal expenses and printing bonds	280 00	
Overdrawn		753 47
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	\$3,352 46	\$3,352 46

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Appropriation	\$900 00
Amount received after abatement	52 32

EXPENDED

H. M. Viall, Collector, 1904	\$19 70	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1905	235 68	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1906	307 78	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1907	376 29	
Unexpended	12 87	
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	\$952 32	\$952 32

TAXES ON PROPERTY TAKEN BY THE TOWN

(No appropriation)

Amount received from taxes refunded	\$368 97
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EXPENDED

H. M. Viall, Collector	\$356 41	
Balance on hand	12 56	
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	\$368 97	\$368 97

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Received from auctioneers' licenses	8 00
Received from carriage licenses	4 00
Received from express licenses	2 00

EXPENDED

C. H. Playdon, Inspector of Animals and Provisions, 1907	\$125 00	
M. F. Charles, recording births, marriages and deaths, clerical work and stationery	87 10	
M. F. Charles, Sec'y of Finance Committee	25 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$237 10	\$1,014 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$237 10	\$1,014 00
M. F. Charles, investigating records . . .	10 00	
M. F. Charles, recording and administering oaths	13 50	
M. F. Charles, extra duty as Assessor . . .	50 00	
J. H. Adden, copying valuation lists . . .	75 00	
J. H. Adden, investigating records . . .	35 00	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance	102 52	
E. L. Lovejoy, insurance	7 80	
W. F. Cook, painting	50 00	
F. W. Parker, account of salary as Sealer of Weights and Measures	46 50	
C. W. Abbott, Postmaster, stamped envel- opes	42 48	
Corinthia L. Parks, in settlement for damage	25 00	
Lila D. Stott, clerical services for Assessors	34 50	
City of Melrose, part cost of investigating records	18 75	
J. W. Killam, perambulating Town bounds	10 00	
O. L. Akerley, perambulating Town bounds and use of automobile for same	20 00	
Geo. L. Pratt, perambulating Town bounds	10 00	
Edgerly & Bessom, reporting deaths . . .	12 75	
Geo. E. Pierce, reporting deaths	6 75	
E. K. Tolman, ballot box	50 00	
Old South M. E. Society, care of clock . . .	50 00	
Jas. A. Bancroft, miscellaneous surveys . .	24 00	
Town Home, distributing Town reports 1906-1907	20 00	
Pneumatic Hand Stamp Co., Sealer of Weights and Measures' supplies	1 48	
Hobbs & Warren Co., Tax Collector's war- rants	4 50	
The Item Press, dog blanks and posters . .	3 75	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$961 38	\$1,014 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$961 38	\$1,014 00
H. R. Johnson, labor on tool house . . .	7 17	
Geo. A. Shackford, horse hire for Assessors and Sealer of Weights and Measures .	10 00	
Henry M. Meek Publishing Co., directory	2 50	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., material for fence	3 60	
Ephraim Wight, labor on fence . . .	1 65	
Julia P. Ide, typewriting Town Warrant .	4 00	
Mary E. Vermille, typewriting . . .	3 00	
Guy A. Hubbard, salary during vacation .	36 00	
Overdrawn		15 30
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	\$1,029 30	\$1,029 30

STREET DEPARTMENT

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND REPAIRS ON SIDEWALKS

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
Amount received from material sold	31 55
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax	3,755 87
Amount received from State Treasurer account of Salem street	1,132 00

EXPENDED

Labor and teams	\$1,843 86
Labor	3,376 64
Gravel	69 97
L. W. Allen, salary Supt. of Streets, 1907.	907 80
Winchester Stone Co., crushed stone	1,060 47
Killorin Contracting Co., crushed stone and teaming	358 57
Chas. A. Clafin & Co., road roller supplies	4 05
Road roller note	450 00
E. M. Burrill, engineer road roller	156 08
D. Doucette, edgestones and laying	107 58
L. W. Allen, Supt., miscellaneous expenses	2 10
Francis Bros., supplies	40 23
John A. Blunt, repairs	18 21
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., supplies	3 70
O. O. Ordway, repairs	48 35
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$8,447 61 \$8,919 42

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$8,447 61	\$8,919 42
Stewart & Robertson, building fence . . .	24 00	
Geo. H. Taylor, drain pipe . . .	64 35	
American Powder Mills, supplies . . .	1 05	
F. Wallace, supplies . . .	10 67	
American Express, expressing . . .	1 85	
E. J. Roundy, carpenter work and supplies	45 78	
Reading Water Works, supplies . . .	5 38	
Harold L. Bond Co., tools . . .	32 83	
F. G. MacDonald, supplies . . .	4 20	
Good Roads Machinery Co., repairs . . .	17 60	
Hall & MacFarland . . .	3 75	
H. R. Johnson, carpenter work and supplies	54 16	
J. J. Cameron, repairs . . .	40	
Allen Bros., supplies . . .	1 45	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . .	1 43	
N. Bancroft Est., supplies . . .	27 25	
Geo. A. Luck, inspecting boiler . . .	5 00	
Samuel Brown, repairs . . .	8 05	
R. C. Totten, repairs . . .	1 35	
Ames Plow Co., garbage barrels . . .	10 50	
Peter Barclay Co., supplies . . .	1 50	
W. Bancroft & Co., drain pipe and supplies	49 96	
C. L. Martin Est., fuel . . .	8 81	
F. W. Danforth, painting street signs . .	30 45	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . .	7 75	
Municipal Light Board, supplies . . .	18 62	
O. L. Milbury, grade stakes . . .	4 54	
F. O. Dewey Co., supplies . . .	11 50	
National Paint & Varnish Co., supplies . .	4 50	
Joseph Breck & Sons Corp., supplies . .	8 00	
T. C. Fife, repairs . . .	5 13	
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	\$8,919 42	\$8,919 42

HIGH STREET

Appropriation	\$100 00
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EXPENDED

Harriett G. Hartshorn, land damage . .	\$25 00	
Frederick Bancroft, land damage . .	10 00	
Labor	40 00	
Labor and teams	25 00	
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	\$100 00	\$100 00

KINGSTON STREET

Appropriation	\$300 00
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A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and ex- cise tax	13 15
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EXPENDED

Labor	\$240 99	
Labor and teams	72 16	
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	\$313 15	\$313 15

STREET SPRINKLING

Appropriation	\$450 00
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EXPENDED

H. G. Stock, labor and use of horses . .	\$419 57	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance	4 50	
F. Wallace, supplies	60	
Unexpended	25 33	
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	\$450 00	\$450 00

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

Appropriation	\$500 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and ex- cise tax	352 81

EXPENDED

Labor and teams	\$442 27	
Labor	317 43	
W. F. Wheeler, snow plow	55 00	
F. Wallace, supplies	2 00	
Killorin Contracting Co., sand	14 26	
Francis Bros., supplies	2 25	
P. J. Seaman, repairs	17 50	
George H. Atkinson Co., supplies	2 10	
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	\$852 81	\$852 81

CONCRETE WORK

Appropriation	\$350 00
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EXPENDED

Labor and teams	4 00	
T. A. Mulrony, concreting	345 30	
Unexpended	70	
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	\$350 00	\$350 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF STREET RAILWAY TAX

Unexpended balance, 1906 . . .	\$ 72 10
Amount received from excise tax, 1907	2,390 94
Amount received from franchise tax, 1907	2,551 61

EXPENDED

Account of highways	\$3,755 87	
Account of snow and ice	352 81	
Account of Kingston Street	13 15	
Unexpended	892 82	
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	\$5,014 65	\$5,014 65

MOTH ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$1,846 00
Amount received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	5,768 33
Amount charged to property owners .	2,653 82
Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	844 63

EXPENDED

Guy A. Hubbard, local superintendent .	\$900 00	
Guy A. Hubbard, rent of bicycle and miscel- laneous expenses	56 55	
Labor	7,072 75	
Bowker Insecticide Co., desparene . . .	945 00	
The O. & W. Thum Co., tanglefoot . . .	201 48	
The Olds Gas Power Co., spraying machine and supplies	568 50	
Frost Insecticide Co., ladders, creosote, bur- lap and supplies	318 04	
Jos. Breck & Sons Corp., tools and supplies	41 42	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$10,103 74	\$11,112 78

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$10,103 74	\$11,112 78
Wm. H. Claflin & Co., Inc., burlap and twine	166 36	
F. H. Parker & Son, use of horse and ex- pressing	230 56	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., kerosene and supplies	48 94	
National Coal Tar Co., creosote . . .	87 55	
Bigelow & Dowse Co., axes . . .	7 50	
Wadsworth, Howland Co., brushes . .	8 28	
Francis Bros., supplies	26 52	
J. E. Turner Wagon Co., grinding tools .	12 30	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, grinding tools .	9 60	
Geo. A. Shackford, horse hire . . .	29 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . .	15 25	
L. W. Thompson, bolts and braces . .	1 00	
Samuel Brown, repairs	5 75	
H. W. Batchelder, axe handles . . .	90	
Akerley Mfg. Co., twine	1 50	
Andrew J. Morse, Inc., hose	7 75	
John Boyle & Co., Inc., hose	41 21	
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., knives .	1 00	
American Express Co., expressing . .	4 45	
O. L. Milbury, grinding tools	6 15	
Richardson & Brackett, creosote . . .	9 18	
W. B. McIntosh, supplies	4 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies	75	
W. M. Farwell, hose	160 00	
Fitz, Dana & Co., tin	9 00	
T. C. Fife, supplies	55	
M. F. Charles, supplies	2 06	
W. F. Cook, supplies	1 50	
Municipal Light Board, supplies . . .	4 50	
W. J. McGraw Stamp Co., rubber stamp .	1 25	
A. W. Chesterton Co., brushes . . .	16 20	
Collins Hardware Co., hardware . . .	31 14	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$11,055 44	<hr/> \$11,112 78

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$11,055 44	\$11,112 78
Lexington Hardware Co., axes	18 00	
C. W. Abbott, Postmaster, stamped envelopes	11 44	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	27 50	
F. D. Merrill, repairs	40	
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	\$11,112 78	\$11,112 78

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

MESSRS:—I herewith render my report of the doings of the Police Department from January 1st to date.

Number of arrests	18
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CAUSES OF ARREST

Assault	3
Drunk	6
Evading fare	1
Larceny	2
Neglected children	2
Runaway	2
Maiming	1
Stubbornness	1

Residents, 10, non-residents, 8; males, 16, females, 2; adults, 11, juveniles, 7.

Fined	8
Sentenced to House of Correction	2
Concord	1
Placed on file	4
Delivered to parents	2
Discharged	1
Lost children found	1
Buildings found unlocked	49
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	3
Sick or injured assisted	1

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. MERRILL,

Chief of Police.

April 13, 1907.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:— In accordance with the by-laws, I hereby submit to you the annual report of the service rendered by the Police Department for the year ending December 31st, 1907.

Number of arrests during the year 105

	MALES FEMALES TOTAL		
January	3	0	3
February	8	0	8
March	2	2	4
April	6	0	6
May	8	1	9
June	16	1	17
July	11	0	11
August	6	1	7
September	3	0	3
October	10	2	12
November	12	0	12
December	11	2	13
	96	9	105

Residents, 53, non-residents, 52; American born, 59, foreign born, 46; adults, 74, minors, 31.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Assault	6	0	6
Breaking and entering	2	0	2
Capias	2	0	2
Drunkenness	32	1	33
Delinquent children	7	0	7
Disturbing the peace	1	0	1
Cruelty to animals	2	0	2
Evading carfare	3	0	3
Insane	0	2	2
Keeping unlicensed dogs	0	1	1
Larceny	4	0	4
Maiming dog	1	0	1
Neglected children	3	0	3
Operating auto without license number	1	0	1
Runaways	4	0	4
Stubbornness	2	0	2
Tramps	8	1	9
Truancy	2	0	2
Trespass	3	0	3
Violation Food law	1	0	1
Violation of speed law	11	0	11
Violation of Town By-laws	5	0	5
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DISPOSITION OF CASES IN COURT

Number that paid fines	32
Number committed for non-payment	4
Sentenced to House of Correction	10
Sentenced to State Farm	1
Sentenced to Truant School	2
Sentenced to Concord Reformatory	2
Committed to State Hospital	2
Placed on probation	7

Delivered to parents	2
Delivered to other officers	2
Discharged	11
Placed on file	20
Continued	9
Defaulted	1
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	105
Amount of fines imposed	\$276 00
Amount of fines paid	216 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Buildings found open and secured	94
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	4
Dogs killed	16
Residences temporarily vacated and special police protection requested	35
Amount of property reported as stolen	\$100 00
Amount of stolen property recovered	75 00

ROSTER

CHIEF

William T. Leggett

PATROLMEN

J. Henry Orr

Robert Powers

Wm. H. Manning

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Wm. J. Allen

Asa Parker

Herbert G. Stock

Lemuel W. Allen

Willard A. Bancroft

Arthur E. Davis

J. Mande Doucette

Clement Gleason

Frank S. Sennett

John W. Saunders

Samuel Brown

Jeremiah J. Cullinane

Fred G. Mitchell

Oscar H. Lowe

Wm. C. Smith

Wm. H. Killam

Guy A. Hubbard

Alden W. Sennett

LIST OF PROPERTY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT
BELONGING TO THE TOWN

One roll top desk	\$12 00
One table	5 00
Four chairs	5 00
Nine helmets	18 00
One shot gun	10 00
Four revolvers	20 00
Three twisters	3 00
Five handcuffs	20 00
Twelve billies	9 00
One watchman's clock	5 00
One pick	1 50
One shovel	1 00
One iron rake	75
Six lockers	30 00
One dark lantern	1 50
Wire and signal bells, auto trap	14 00
Two auto registers	2 00
Two stop watches	14 00
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	\$171 75

In submitting this report I would say, since assuming the duties of Chief, in order to give the residents of the Town equal protection, I transferred Officer Orr to the West Side for day duty, myself looking after the center of the the town, ready to attend to all calls. During the summer months, we also looked after 35 residences temporarily vacated, as I considered they needed more attention days than nights, on account of the class of people, such as tramps and professional thieves, who under the the guise of looking for charity should be kept moving and not given an opportunity to commit burglary. I consider it quite as important in the prevention, as allowing an opportunity for the committal of crime. While I do not know what there may be in the future, there has not been a single instance of any professional work thus far. The two night

officers alternate in their duty on the West Side until near midnight. The duty is now arranged with the number of men we have, so it gives the town constant supervision day and night. I would strongly recommend for the better protection of the Town that the lights be kept on during the night. Before closing, I wish to thank the officers for the efficient and faithful performance of their duties.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM T. LEGGETT,

Chief of Police.

Reading, Jan. 1st, 1908.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
Amount received from Fourth District	
Court Fines	216 00
Amount received for police duty . . .	7 00
Amount received for material sold . .	2 79
Amount received from bill overpaid . .	1 42

EXPENDED

F. D. Merrill, Chief, salary from January 1 to April 13, 1907	\$255 00	
F. D. Merrill, transportation of prisoners and miscellaneous expenses	62 86	
W. T. Leggett, Chief, salary from May 9 to December 31, 1907	602 29	
W. T. Leggett, transportation of prisoners and miscellaneous expenses	27 94	
J. H. Orr, salary, 1907	858 00	
W. H. Manning, salary, 1907	855 65	
Robert Powers, salary, 1907	711 85	
W. J. Allen, special duty, 1907	200 15	
H. G. Stock, special duty, 1907	163 80	
O. H. Lowe, special duty, 1907	47 65	
J. H. Saunders, special duty, 1907	7 80	
J. W. Gleason, labor	1 50	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone rent	64 61	
D. T. Strange, shot gun	8 00	
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies	8 25	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$3,875 55</u>	<u>\$4,227 21</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,875 55	\$4,227 21
H. M. Meek Publishing Co., directory	2 50	
W. F. Cook, painting	81 69	
Hoyte, Martin Co., awning	7 00	
Francis Bros., supplies	5 00	
O. O. Ordway, horse hire	4 00	
Samuel Brown, special duty	1 00	
Special police, July 3d and 4th	43 00	
Asa Parker, special duty	50	
Lyceum Hall Association, rent	4 17	
W. J. McGraw Stamp Co., rubber stamps	3 75	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel	51 65	
G. A. Shackford, horse hire	36 00	
F. H. Martin, meals for prisoners	12 25	
F. W. Danforth, painting sign	15 00	
J. J. Cameron, repairs	50	
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co., supplies	3 70	
Stewart & Robertson, repairs	30 37	
Wm. Hall & Co., repairing lock	40	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing	1 00	
W. A. Prescott, box for extension bell	1 32	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	10 25	
O. L. Milbury, supplies	1 50	
Wm. Reade & Sons, supplies	1 65	
W. S. Greenough & Co., record books	13 85	
Raphael Masstrangialo, helmets	7 95	
A. S. Cook & Co., supplies	1 20	
Unexpended	10 46	
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	\$4,227 21	\$4,227 21

FIRE DEPARTMENT

READING, FEBRUARY 1, 1908.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN :

The Board of Engineers herewith submit their annual report for the year nineteen hundred and seven.

During the year the Department has responded to 22 alarms.

The Department consists of:

One Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers.

Steamer No. 1, two enginemen, Central Fire Station.

Hook and Ladder No. 1, twelve men, Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 1, thirteen men, Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 2, twelve men, Woburn street.

Hose No. 3, seven men, North Main street.

Hose No. 4, seven men, Hopkins street.

Hose No. 5, Volunteer Co., Forest street, at C. W. C. Trask's.

Mr. Leonard T. Eames was reappointed Supt. of the Fire Alarm, and the system is in fair condition, with the exception of about two miles, which will have to be replaced with covered wire.

By vote of the Town we purchased a sixty-six foot extension ladder, which is a great addition to the service.

By vote of the Town we installed a new box, No. 48, located on Pine street.

We have replaced Box No. 17 with a new one of the same number.

We have also had built a new hook and ladder sled.

We have had built a new hose pung for Hose No. 3.

For the good of the service we would recommend a three-horse hitch for the hook and ladder truck.

The apparatus is in good condition, except the wagon of Hose 4, which will have to be painted this year.

The houses of Hose 3 and Hose 4 will have to be painted on the outside this year, also the house of Hose 2 on the inside.

The floor in steamer house is in very bad condition and we would recommend a new one be laid this year.

In conclusion, we would thank the members of the Department and all who in any way have assisted the Department the past year, and especially the Boston & Northern Street Railway Co. for the free use of the current for charging the storage battery.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, Chief Engineer,
ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, Ass't Engineer,
ALBION G. NICHOLS, Sec'y,

Board of Engineers, Reading Fire Dept.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FIRES FOR THE YEAR 1907

Date	Box	Time	Owner	Occupant	Loss on Building	Ins. on Building	Ins. Paid	Loss on Cont'ts	Ins. on Cont'ts	Ins. Paid	Cause
Jan. 11	27	6.40 p m	J. Dana Johnson.....	J. Dana Johnson.....	\$150 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$75 00	None	.....	Incendiary.....
Jan. 15	68	1.30 a m	Luther Bachelder.....	Turner Wagon Co.....	110 00	800 00	110 00	25 00	5000 00	\$25 00	Unknown.....
Jan. 27	12	7.20 p m	O. P. Symonds & Sons.....	O. P. Symonds & Sons.....	5000 00	5000 00	5000 00	7000 00	5000 00	5000 00	Incendiary.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	Akerley Mfg. Co.....	.....	.....	.....	3400 00	3000 00	2000 00	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	John Fowle.....	.....	.....	.....	1500 00	None	.....	.....
Feb. 10	63	8.30 a m	H. B. Howard.....	Estes, Alger.....	10 00	2500 00	10 00	None	.....	.....	Furnace.....
Feb. 12	64	1.59 p m	Edith B. Upton.....	J. D. Upton.....	15 00	2500 00	15 00	25 00	2000 00	25 00	Furnace Pipe.....
Feb. 28	33	9.00 a m	John Robinson.....	John Robinson.....	10 00	2000 00	10 00	20 00	2500 00	20 00	Sparks from Fireplace.....
Mar. 5	62	1.59 p m	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Call to Wakefield.....
Mar. 11	27	8.00 p m	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	False Alarm.....
Mar. 30	27	1.22 p m	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Burning Grass.....
April 6	13	1.32 p m	O. P. Symonds & Sons.....	B. Symonds.....	1400 00	2000 00	1400 00	433 00	1000 00	433 00	Hot Ashes.....
April 18	45	1.25 p m	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Burning Grass.....
April 22	34	4.53 p m	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Burning Grass.....
April 26	34	8.17 p m	H. Burr Crandall.....	H. Burr Crandall.....	800 00	400 00	400 00	Total	None	.....	Incendiary.....
May 1	45	1.30 a m	Heirs of Wm. Proctor.....	.....	Small	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	False Alarm.....
June 14	68	7.55 p m	Ruben Freidman.....	.....	No. Loss	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sparks from Chimney.....
July 3	Still	11.30 p m	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Incendiary.....
July 4	36	1.48 a m	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	False Alarm.....
Aug. 4	33	1.05 a m	John Doucette.....	John Doucette.....	50 00	50 00	25 00	10 00	None	.....	False Alarm.....
Aug. 30	65	4.26 p m	H. M. Viell.....	H. M. Viell.....	No. Loss	.....	.....	No Loss	.....	.....	Unknown.....
Sept. 21	23	6.55 p m	Clara G. Brande.....	Clara G. Brande.....	1000 00	1200 00	1000 00	100 00	None	.....	Sparks.....
Oct. 1	68	9.20 p m	Heirs J. B. Weston.....	C. Langdon.....	No Loss	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lightning.....
Dec. 27	15	7.30 p m	Oil Stove.....
.....	False Alarm.....

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	\$5,000 00
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EXPENDED

F. G. Nichols, salary Chief Engineer, 1907	\$100 00
O. O. Ordway, salary Engineer, 1907 .	75 00
O. O. Ordway, two pungs and repairs .	222 45
A. G. Nichols, salary Engineer, 1907 .	75 00
A. G. Nichols, Clerk of Board, 1907 . .	10 00
L. T. Eames, salary Engineer Steamer No. 1, from Mar. 1st, 1907, to Dec. 31, 1907	20 75
M. J. Shannon, salary Ass't Engineer Steamer No. 1 and care of apparatus .	100 00
Chas. J. Haag, care of hose and flag . .	51 50
Chas. J. Haag, services as fireman to Nov. 30, 1907	32 00
E. H. Crowe, Steward Hook and Ladder No. 1, and extra labor, 1907 . . .	62 00
David Weston, Steward Hose No. 4, 1907 .	30 00
Chas. H. Hezelton, Steward Hose No. 2 and extra labor	67 00
Parker Nichols, Steward Hose No. 3 .	30 00
Parker Nichols, horse service, 1907 . .	20 00
Geo. A. Shackford, horse service from July 1, 1906, to Dec. 31, 1907	750 00
Geo. A. Shackford, storage of pungs, 1907	7 50
H. G. Stock, horse service, 1907 . .	250 00
E. P. Bancroft, horse service, 1907 . .	125 00
F. W. Davis, horse service, 1907 . .	12 50
F. W. Davis, service as fireman Jan. 1, 1907, to May 31, 1907, and extra labor	16 58
C. W. C. Trask, horse hire, 1907 . .	22 50
C. W. C. Trask, rent of building for Hose 5	15 00
J. B. Nichols, horse service	5 00

Amount carried forward

\$2,099 78	\$5,000 00
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,099 78	\$5,000 00
W. H. Bancroft, Steward Hose 2, from Jan. 1, 1907, to Jan. 17, 1907	3 00	
Wm. C. McKinley, horse service, 1907	35 00	
J. W. Saunders, service as fireman Jan. 1 to June 30, 1907	17 50	
E. C. Goodwin, service as fireman Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 1907	23 36	
Joseph Shipkin, service as fireman Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1907, and extra labor	26 38	
Owen McKenney, watching at fire	5 50	
W. R. Zwicker, watching at fire	5 50	
A. E. Abbott, services as fireman Jan. 1 to April 30, 1907	11 68	
J. W. Sias, services as fireman July 3 and 4, 1907	3 00	
R. F. Heselton, labor	3 50	
J. Ramsay, labor	3 50	
Wm. A. Allen, rent of pung	3 25	
Larkin Mfg. Co., relief valve	85 00	
F. W. Danforth, painting	75	
E. L. Chamberlain, supplies	60	
F. Wallace, supplies	4 33	
Hugh L. Eames, labor	3 50	
John Baxter, labor	3 50	
H. L. Livermore, labor	2 92	
Reading Co-operative Asso., supplies	13	
Municipal Light Board, supplies	1 44	
Boston Coupling Co., repairs and supplies	13 10	
J. B. Sutherland, polish	3 00	
W. H. Wightman, insurance	39 90	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel and supplies	32 05	
Andrew J. Morse & Son (Inc.) supplies	6 50	
F. O. Dewey Co., supplies	1 40	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,438 72	\$5,000 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,438 72	\$5,000 00
Geo. M. Stevens Co. (Inc.), repairs . . .	31 15	
Henry K. Barnes, two rubber coats . . .	7 00	
C. L. Martin Est., fuel	4 25	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . .	1 75	
Samuel Brown, repairs	2 15	
Thos. Vanhorn, services as fireman Jan. 1 to Apr. 30, 1907	11 65	
J. A. Murphy, plating badges	2 25	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing	3 95	
Francis B. Hunt, labor	2 00	
Buel & Stevens, brake shoes	6 00	
American Express Co., expressing . . .	40	
J. J. Cameron, repairs	2 50	
Abbott, Downing Co., wire basket . . .	12 00	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	48	
Francis Bros., supplies	3 80	
Reading Water Works, water rates . . .	12 00	
Firemen's pay roll, 1907	1,899 67	
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	\$4,441 72	

FIRE ALARM

EXPENDED

L. T. Eames, salary Supt. Fire Alarm, 1907	\$100 00	
L. T. Eames, material, labor and care fare, 1907	76 07	
J. W. Gleason, labor	94 15	
F. G. Nichols, labor	55 30	
O. O. Ordway, supplies and labor . . .	12 53	
G. A. Shackford, horse hire	2 00	
A. B. Matthews Estate, horse hire . . .	19 50	
Jas. A. Doucette, labor	14 08	
F. Wallace, supplies	10	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$4,815 80	\$5,000 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$4,815 80	\$5,000 00
Am. Express Co., expressing . . .	6 15	
Municipal Light Board, supplies . .	8 01	
The Mitchell Mfg. Co., supplies . .	75	
J. E. Turner Wagon Co., repairs . .	3 20	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies . . .	1 16	
Harry Walters, wire	5 50	
Francis Bros., supplies	20 20	
Woburn Machine Co., repairs . . .	19 15	
Geo. M. Stevens Co. (Inc.), supplies .	90 37	
Unexpended	29 71	
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	\$5,000 00	\$5,000 00

FIRE ALARM BOX NO. 48

Appropriation		\$200 00
EXPENDED		
Geo. M. Stevens Co. (Inc.), fire alarm box .	\$45 00	
J. W. Gleason, labor	8 75	
F. G. Nichols, labor	18 75	
Harry Walters, wire, cross arms, insulators, etc.	81 73	
L. T. Eames, labor	4 25	
O. O. Ordway, horse hire and labor . .	27 50	
Unexpended	14 02	
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	\$200 00	\$200 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTENSION LADDER

Appropriation		\$200 00
EXPENDED		
C. N. Richardson, extension ladder . .	\$198 00	
Unexpended	2 00	
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	\$200 00	\$200 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE

Appropriation		\$600 00	
EXPENDED			
Boston Coupling Co., hose	\$600 00		
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	\$600 00		\$600 00

FOREST FIRES

Appropriation		\$150 00	
EXPENDED			
Labor	\$77 89		
Labor and teams	37 50		
Henry E. Wright & Son, cans	7 80		
T. C. Fife, supplies	1 35		
C. W. C. Trask, salary year ending Dec. 31, 1907	15 00		
H. E. McIntire, salary year ending Dec. 31, 1907	15 00		
F. W. Davis, salary from May 1, 1906, to April 30, 1908	30 00		
J. N. Weston, salary year ending Dec. 31, 1907	15 00		
Overdrawn			49 54
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	\$199 54		\$199 54

HAVEN STREET NOTE

Appropriation.		\$1,000 00	
E. F. Parker, Treas., note paid by him . .	\$1,000 00		
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	\$1,000 00		\$1,000 00

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

READING, JAN. 1, 1908.

To the Honorable Board of Fire Engineers of the Reading Fire Department:

I submit the following report:

There has been one Box added to the system this year, Box 48, Pine st., near Salem. The old elements and acid of the storage battery have been replaced by new.

About two miles of old bare wire has been replaced by new insulated wire; there is about three miles now that should be replaced by new this year.

LOCATION OF BOXES

- 13—Corner of Ash and Avon Sts.
- 15—Corner of Walnut St. and Summer Ave.
- 16—Main St., near South.
- 17—Prescott St., near Arlington St.
- 18—Park Ave., corner of Minot St.
- 22—No session, High School House.
- 23—Corner of Woburn and Temple Sts.
- 24—Mineral St., corner of Hancock.
- 25—Prospect St., near King.
- 26—Hose 2 House, Woburn St.
- 27—Summer Ave., south of Prescott St.
- 28—West St., near W. A. Bancroft's.
- 29—Corner of West and King Sts.
- 32—Franklin St., opp. second house from Grove.
- 33—Lowell St., Commonwealth Rubber Co. Works.

- 34—Corner of Grove and Forest Sts.
- 35—Corner of Main and Locust Sts.
- 36—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Locust St.
- 37—Main St., near Brooks Nichols'.
- 38—Corner of Main and Forest Sts.
- 39—Corner of Franklin and Main Sts.
- 41—Corner of Village and Green Sts.
- 42—Corner of John and Haven Sts.
- 44—Corner of Salem and Pearl Sts.
- 45—Corner of Salem and Belmont Sts.
- 46—Corner of Charles and Pearl Sts.
- 47—Corner of Haverhill and Charles Sts.
- 48—Pine St., near Salem.
- 55—Reading Rubber Mills.
- 61—Corner of Main and Washington Sts.
- 62—Corner of Main and Haven Sts.
- 63—Congregational Church.
- 64—Central Fire Station.
- 65—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Middlesex Ave.
- 67—Corner of High St. and Middlesex Ave.
- 68—Corner of Gould and Haven Sts.

LEONARD T. EAMES,

Supt. Fire Alarm.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :—

I herewith submit my report for the year now ended.

The cattle of our Town have never to my knowledge appeared in better physical condition than was shown upon this last inspection. The stables, with a few exceptions, were kept clean and light. The cattle were clean, and had every appearance of being well kept.

When one stops to think how quickly milk will become contaminated with foul odors or disease germs it certainly must be with a feeling of pride they look upon the advancement made within the last few years along the line of pure milk. In several states laws have been enacted governing the milk supply of that state, and I trust it will not be long before Massachusetts will have some kind of a law governing our milk supply.

While our local milk supply is not perfect, it is superior to the average in towns of our size, and we certainly can boast of one thing, and that is of having one of the best, healthiest and most sanitary milk farms and dairies that exists in the United States to-day in our little town of Reading, and I trust that before long we shall see many such farms. The milk problem of the United States to-day is a national as well as a local one, and the people are beginning to demand a better article for which they must pay, and I trust that the farmers and dairymen will get together, produce a pure, certified article from healthy stock, in clean stables, cared for upon sanitary lines, and then demand their price, which I think anyone would be willing to pay.

The slaughtering industry of our Town is carried on in two establishments which have been licensed.

The cattle slaughtered have been up to the average of light beef killed anywhere, any found to be unfit for food being rendered.

During the early part of the year an outbreak of rabies existed in many of the neighboring towns and all dogs were ordered muzzled, but fortunately we escaped with but two or three cases, and I do not recall any fatalities from cases known to exist here. The same state of affairs exists at the present time as dogs have been killed in neighboring towns showing unmistakable signs of rabies as late as Jan. 24, 1908, and I trust the people of our town will restrain from petting strange dogs and report at once any which act strangely.

The watering troughs of our town were ordered closed early in November due to an outbreak of glanders which was raging at that time. Fortunately, it appears to be stamped out as no cases have been located for about two months. I hope all who hear of or suspect cases will communicate the same at once.

The several markets have been visited from time to time and at all times the condition of food stuffs has been satisfactory.

I wish to thank all with whom I have been brought in contact while performing my duties for the courteous manner in which I have been treated.

Yours very truly,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :—

GENTLEMEN :— I have the honor to present the seventh annual report of the department of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907.

	CORRECT	ADJ.	CD.	TOTAL
No. of scales over 5,000 lbs.	3			3
“ Scales under 5,000 lbs.	8	9		17
“ Small scales	28	14		42
“ Computing scales	7	4		11
“ Pan scales	11	5		16
“ Family scales	3	2		5
“ Ice scales	4	3		7
“ Steelyards	2			2
“ Balances	1			1
“ Weights	176	17		193
“ Milk measures	13			13
“ Dry measures	63			63
“ Wet measures	28			28
“ Yard sticks	17			17
“ Milk and cream jars	6146		26	6172

Money received for sealing, \$27.07.

In closing, I wish to express my thanks to our merchants who have, almost without exception, readily and promptly co-operated with me, and to the town officials with whom I have been connected for their kindness and the aid they have offered me in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. PARKER,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

TRUSTEES OF LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

The general work has been carried on in a manner which we trust has proved satisfactory. In order to leave the work in an economical condition for spring work we were obliged to overdraw our appropriation about \$50.00. The fact that we have to use \$100.00 of our appropriation yearly for the payment of land not of use for the cemetery, and bought by the Town, is responsible for the shortage.

I have been instructed by the Board to have an article inserted in the warrant for a special appropriation for a new fence covering a part of the northern boundary of the cemetery, a matter we have put off to the last moment but which is now an actual necessity.

The Board has decided not to ask this year for a special appropriation, as it had intended, for digging over and laying out the new part of the cemetery. The income from the sale of lots has decreased, owing to there being few desirable lots left, and this decreases the amount available for cemetery purposes. But in the general need for economy the Board will wait another year.

It is the opinion of the Board that we should have an appropriation of \$900.00 this year for the general work of the cemetery, and we trust it will be allowed.

A. W. DANFORTH, Secretary.

Reading, Dec. 31, 1907.

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation	\$800 00
Interest on Cemetery bequests, 1907 .	401 50
Amount received from sale of lots and graves	510 00

EXPENDED

A. W. Danforth, Supt., salary \$	75 00	
A. W. Danforth, supplies	1 50	
Labor	1,148 98	
Teams	177 75	
Old South M. E. Church, second note in payment of land purchased by vote of the Town, March, 1906	100 00	
Jason Zwicker, supplies	12 00	
F. W. Danforth, supplies	2 00	
M. D. Jones & Co., perpetual care signs .	8 75	
R. D. Clapp, repairs	3 10	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	1 30	
Weston & Emery, plants, shrubs and flowers	151 50	
F. Wallace, grass seed	2 00	
Standard Fertilizer Co., fertilizer . .	58 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber and nails . .	2 86	
E. C. Metcalf, lawn mower	5 75	
Francis Bros., supplies	5 30	
James A. Bancroft, copy cemetery plan and blue print	6 80	
Overdrawn		51 09
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	\$1,762 59	\$1,762 59

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading : —

The Board of Health herewith submits its annual report.
 Number of cases of contagious diseases reported, 88.

Diphtheria	63	Scarlet fever	7
Typhoid fever	3	Measles	15

Deaths from contagious diseases, 3.

Diphtheria	2	Typhoid fever	1
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Whole number of deaths from all causes, 77.

Deaths by months

January	5	July	6
February	10	August	3
March	8	September	5
April	3	October	2
May	9	November	7
June	7	December	12

Deaths under one year of age, 11.

1 to 5	2	5 to 10	2
10 to 20	1	20 to 30	5
30 to 40	5	40 to 50	3
50 to 60	6	60 to 70	12
70 to 80	15	Over 80	15
Males	29	Females	48

Number of houses fumigated, 74.

Permits granted to lay drains, 66.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, *Chairman*
 GEO. L. FLINT
 FREDERIC D. MERRILL, *Secretary.*

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$600 00
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EXPENDED

G. S. Tukey, salary, Inspector of Plumbing .	\$300 00
G. S. Tukey, fumigating	37 80
Chester W. McDougal, examination of plumbers from Jan. 1, 1901, to Dec. 31, 1906	20 00
C. H. Playdon, M. D. V., salary Inspector of Slaughter Houses, Meats and Pro- visions, 1907	50 00
J. C. Oxley, disinfectant	138 70
E. D. Richmond, M. D., medical services .	90 00
Geo. F. Dow, M. D., medical services .	53 00
F. L. Smalley, M. D., medical services .	43 00
Elizabeth A. Smith, Executrix, rent from April 15 to Oct. 15, 1907	42 00
Lyceum Hall Association, rent from Jan. 1, to April 15, 1907	29 17
W. H. Willis, supplies	2 25
American Express Co., expressing . . .	14 05
F. H. Parker & Sons, expressing . . .	2 60
F. Wallace, supplies	3 00
F. S. Blanchard & Co., Lawyers' edition of Massachusetts Year Book	2 50
Z. M. Saunders, stove	3 50
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies	2 02
E. C. Hanscom, moving office furniture .	3 00
Francis Bros., supplies	4 67
Clara L. Lulis, nurse Ballou case . . .	44 00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone rates	15 10
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . .	3 00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	
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\$903 36	\$600 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$903 36	\$600 00
A. W. Danforth, supplies	1 00	
C. L. Martin Est., fuel	6 00	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, kindlings	1 00	
M. F. Charles, supplies	1 05	
George A. Shackford, horse hire	1 50	
Overdrawn		313 91
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	\$913 91	\$913 91

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable, the Board of Health :—

GENTLEMEN :—The work in the Plumbing Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907, was as follows :

Applications filed, permits granted	83
Applications filed, left over 1907	5
Applications filed, left over 1906	2
Inspections and calls made	269
Number of fixtures	268
Water closets	63
Bath tubs	36
Bowls	47
Sinks	69
Butler sinks	3
Grease traps	1
Trays	43
Shower baths	1
Ice chests	3
Alterations	12
Cow sheds	2
Horse stalls	6

Special inspections have been made at the request of the Board of Health and defects remedied.

I thank the Secretary, the Board, my craft, and the citizens for their kind co-operation.

Most respectfully,

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY,
Plumbing Inspector.

Reading, Mass., Jan. 1, 1908.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The work in the Tree Warden Department the past year has necessarily been limited to actual necessities.

Three hearings for the removal of trees have been held, two to which no one appeared and the other having several present interested in the removal of the horse chestnuts on Main Street.

These were removed at the request of property owners and tenants most concerned, no opposition appearing at the hearing.

The electric, telephone and trolley lines are the menace to trees now and must remain so to a certain extent.

The Telephone Company has put guards on the wires in many places where they come in contact with limbs. Guards so put on serve a double purpose, protect the tree and improves the telephone service.

The Electric Light Company has very promptly remedied any defect called to their attention and upon completion of improvements at the plant much old wire is to be replaced by new which will materially help.

The Boston & Northern has agreed to make changes where necessary on Salem Street and other places when requested to. A list of places is now in preparation.

I wish at this time to thank the people who have had business relations with me the past year, whether as Tree Warden or local Superintendent of Moth Work. The realization that I am required by law to do the work and the consideration that has been shown me has been an incentive to carry on the work in a fair way to all.

The financial statement follows.

G. A. HUBBARD, Tree Warden.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		\$150 00	
Amount received from material sold .		3 50	
EXPENDED			
Guy A. Hubbard, salary	\$50 00		
Labor	31 22		
Labor and teams	11 16		
Morse & Whyte Co., netting for tree pro- tectors	45 50		
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . .	11 70		
Unexpended	3 89		
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	\$153 50	\$153 50	

ASSESSORS' REPORT

We respectfully submit the following report of the valuation of real and personal property assessed in the Town of Reading during the year 1907.

Valuation of real estate		
Building, excluding lands	\$2,685,125 00	
Land, excluding buildings	1,596,238 00	
Total real estate		\$4,281,363 00
Personal estate, excluding Resident		
National Bank stock	\$682,913 00	
Resident National Bank stock	27,250 00	
Total personal estate		710,163 00
Total real and personal property		\$4,991,526 00
Increase in real estate	\$78,343 00	
Increase in personal estate	94,638 00	
Total increase in valuation		\$172,981 00
Tax on real estate	\$86,082 56	
Tax on personal estate	14,203 26	
Tax on polls	3,372 00	
Total assessed on polls and es-		
tates on May 1st		\$103,657 82
Tax assessed on polls since May		
1, 1907		12 00
Additional supplementary tax		
assessed Dec. 17, 1907		189 00
Street Railway excise tax, 11,834		
miles in Reading		2,390 94
Total taxes assessed from		
all sources		\$106,249 76
Wellington Bridge tax	\$298 98	
State Highway tax	186 80	
State tax	5,760 00	
County tax	5,081 62	
		11,327 40
Balance used for Town purposes		\$94,922 36

Rate of taxation, \$20 on \$1,000.

Total number persons assessed on property	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,552
Total assessed on polls only	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,009
Number of polls May 1, 1907	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,686
Number polls added since	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Total polls assessed	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,692
Increase from 1906	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Number of horses	.	.	.	.	.	.	387
Number of cows	.	.	.	.	.	.	348
Number of neat cattle	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
Number of sheep	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Number of swine	.	.	.	.	.	.	87
Number of fowls	.	.	.	.	.	.	4,618
Number of dwellings	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,305
Number of new dwellings	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Number of acres land	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,734

EDWARD F. PARKER

JOHN H. ADDEN

MILLARD F. CHARLES

Assessors of Reading.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

H. M. VIALL, Collector

TO TOWN OF READING

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Amount of uncollected taxes, 1905 .	\$8,854 44
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1906 .	35,031 51
Added to supplementary tax for 1906 .	2 00
Committed list taxes for 1907 . .	103,657 82
Excise tax for 1907	2,390 94
Additional taxes for 1907	12 00
Supplementary taxes for 1907 . .	189 00
Interest, 1905	780 29
Interest, 1906	986 29
Interest, 1907	92 34
Amount collected after abatement .	45 38
Amount collected account postage .	1 48

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By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas.

In full for account 1905	\$9,634 73
Account 1906	27,750 00
Account 1907	66,525 00
Excise tax	2,390 94
Account abatement	45 38
Account postage	1 48
By uncollected taxes, 1906	8,269 80
By uncollected taxes, 1907	37,426 16

\$152,043 49 \$152,043 49

H. M. VIALL, Collector.

READING, MASS., Dec. 31, 1907.

REPORT OF

Overseers of the Poor

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1907.

Overseers of the Poor

JAMES W. KILLAM, *Chairman*

OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Secretary*

GEORGE L. PRATT

Superintendent of Town Home

WILLIAM C. SMITH

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:—

We herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1907.

There have been six inmates at the Town Home during the entire year.

Temporary aid has been given to fifteen adults and eighteen children.

The number of inmates at the Town Home was less than last year, and the net expense has been considerably less. There has been no material change in the value of the personal property at the Town Home.

The calls for outside aid have been small this year, and total amount spent in connection with this department was less than it has been for several years.

The financial statements of the department will be found on the following pages.

JAMES W. KILLAM
OLIVER L. AKERLEY
GEORGE L. PRATT

Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN HOME

INMATES

James Hunter	Aged 64 years
Margaret Sullivan	" 74 "
Henry W. Weston	" 60 "
Charles H. Ballard	" 61 "
Frank C. Gilchrist	" 61 "
James S. Wyatt	" 83 "

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN HOME JAN. 1, 1908

Live stock	\$692 00
Hay and grain	304 87
Wagons, carts and sleighs	205 00
Manure	95 00
Harnesses, blankets, etc.	46 50
Two snow plows	15 00
Spraying machine	35 00
Barrels, boxes and blankets	30 05
Fuel	124 00
Farming tools and implements	193 50
Beds and bedding	119 65
Household furniture and utensils	419 41
Provisions and supplies	172 10
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	\$2,452 08

TOWN HOME

Amount received from sale of farm products, live stock, gravel, and use of team on highway	\$1,985 71
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EXPENDED

W. C. Smith, salary Superintendent	\$500 00
W. C. Smith, miscellaneous supplies	55 95
Delia Joyce, wages	121 08
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>
	\$677 03
	\$1,985 71

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$677 03	\$1,985 71
Richard Wakefield, wages	93 45	
Anna Martz, wages	34 84	
Ada M. Swain, wages	34 84	
Richard Mansfield, wages	19 50	
Mary Kearnes, wages	10 85	
Geo. B. McLellan, wages	69 00	
Henry Gilfoyl, wages	21 00	
Arthur Goodrich, wages	31 50	
A. E. Surrette, wages	37 00	
Mrs. W. O. Milbury, services	4 20	
Gertrude Hestres, wages	5 72	
Albert Taber, wages	19 00	
Wm. O. Neil, wages	8 81	
Frank F. Simpson, wages	9 00	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., grain and groceries .	682 08	
Reading Co-op. Ass'n, grain and groceries .	505 04	
F. Wallace, groceries	131 40	
E. L. Chamberlain, meats and provisions .	94 61	
W. H. Mears, groceries	7 04	
W. A. Rich, meats	71 20	
Wm. Taylor, meats	45 38	
Chas. L. Nichols, meats	32 90	
Rockport Fish Market, fish	5 15	
H. W. Wilson, crackers	17 36	
Francis Bros., hardware and supplies . .	93 36	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	14 77	
H. O. Copeland & Co., dry goods	12 07	
F. G. MacDonald, dry goods	21 37	
A. S. Cook & Co., dry goods	22 82	
N. Bancroft Est., shoes and repairing . .	21 95	
Francis Bartley, clothing	28 55	
M. F. Charles, supplies	3 00	
W. H. Hodgkins, labor	1 12	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$2,886 91	<hr/> \$1,985 71

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,886 91	\$1,985 71
H. P. Hubbard, horse shoeing	14 75	
C. D. Wells, horse shoeing	16 50	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber and supplies	15 25	
P. J. Seaman, labor and supplies	40 62	
J. J. Hogan, labor	1 00	
J. J. Cameron, repairs	12 50	
J. C. Oxley, medicines	4 60	
W. H. Willis, medicines	23 85	
A. W. Danforth, medicines	16 35	
Citizens' Ice Co., ice	9 15	
H. R. Johnson, repairs	90	
J. W. Ross, labor	1 50	
John Stock, labor	3 00	
E. F. Gerry, labor	6 43	
Tree Warden account, wire netting	3 50	
C. S. Pettengill, cow	70 00	
H. L. Sheldon, cows	105 00	
L. F. Hatch, cow and pig	42 00	
A. B. Eames, cow	55 00	
Mrs. L. J. Walker, standing grass	24 45	
Chas Wakefield, hay and wood	46 02	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, labor and supplies	17 00	
E. B. Jones, labor	3 40	
G. E. Hunt, labor	10 00	
W. A. Bancroft, supplies	1 00	
C. L. Martin Est., fuel	125 70	
Municipal Light Board, supplies	14 98	
Reading Water Works, water rates	51 69	
W. H. Wightman, insurance	42 50	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance	3 50	
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies	13 38	
R. King, labor	15 00	
J. H. Davis, labor	12 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$3,709 43	<hr/> \$1,985 71

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,709 43	\$1,985 71
C. H. Playdon, professional services . . .	11 50	
Alverde Parker, labor	1 75	
J. H. Rowe, labor	1 15	
A. P. Needham, 2 cows	85 00	
Bowker Insecticide Co., desparene . . .	12 80	
E. L. Lovejoy, standing grass	35 00	
Gilman D. Kingman est., standing grass .	8 00	
Chas. H. Kingman, standing grass . . .	5 00	
E. L. Chapman, rent of pasture	20 00	
F. W. Parker, barber work for inmates .	11 35	
A. Hibbard, labor	1 35	
J. Cullinane, labor	16 15	
H. A. Upton, sawdust	5 62	
The Worrell Mfg. Co., disinfectant . . .	10 00	
E. D. Richmond, M. D., medical attendance	9 50	
S. H. Parks, M. D., medical attendance .	3 00	
R. B. Burgess, building chimney	14 13	
Carried to Poor account		1,975 02
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	\$3,960 73	\$3,960 73

POOR OUT OF TOWN HOME

EXPENDED		
Elmira Weston, fuel	\$49 50	
Theresa Froton, supplies	52 97	
Delia Casey, fuel and supplies	17 70	
Julia A. Morton, supplies	104 00	
Elmer Jones, fuel and supplies	20 27	
Jane Green, supplies and medical attendance	21 31	
Charles P. Johnson, supplies	12 43	
Gertrude Cederberg and family	127 63	
Sarah Jones, supplies	35 65	
Agnes White, fuel and supplies	21 70	
Marion G. Kenyon, medical attendance .	26 00	
Carried to Poor account		\$496 16
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	\$496 16	\$496 16

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT

Massachusetts School for Feeble Minded

Harold Southwell, board for 1907	\$169 45	
Carried to Poor account		\$169 45
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	\$169 45	\$169 45

SUMMARY

Appropriation		\$3,300 00
EXPENDED		
Net expenses Town Home	\$1,975 02	
Poor out of Town Home	489 16	
Hospital account	169 45	
Unexpended	666 37	
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	\$3,300 00	\$3,300 00

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF READING

Amount due from Commonwealth of

Massachusetts	\$324 98
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EXPENDED

Annie Melonson and family, fuel and groceries	\$ 80 58	
Amy L. Ballou and family, supplies	132 43	
Edwin F. Skinner and family, fuel, supplies and medical attendance	93 97	
George W. Gregory and family, supplies and medical attendance	18 00	
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	\$324 98	\$324 98

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Amount due from City of Cambridge	\$168 74
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EXPENDED

Charlotte White and family, fuel and groceries	\$168 74	
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	\$168 74	\$168 74

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF WILMINGTON

Amount due from Town of Wilmington		\$201 49
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EXPENDED

Sarah White and family, fuel and groceries	\$201 49	
	<u>\$201 49</u>	<u>\$201 49</u>

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF NORFOLK

Amount due from town of Norfolk	.	\$113 25
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EXPENDED

Herman Seifert and family, groceries	.	\$113 25
	<u>\$113 25</u>	<u>\$113 25</u>

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF CANTON

Amount due from Town of Canton	.	\$44 28
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EXPENDED

Raymond and Elsie Hobby, supplies	.	\$44 28
	<u>\$44 28</u>	<u>\$44 28</u>

EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Water Commissioners

For the Year Ending December 31

1907

OFFICERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	Term expires 1910
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD	. .	" " 1909
EARLE H. GOWING	. . . .	" " 1908

Superintendent and Registrar
LEWIS M. BANCROFT

Engineer at Pumping Station
FRANK F. STROUT

Assistant Engineer
ALBION G. NICHOLS

OFFICE OF WATER BOARD
Room 2, Masonic Block

OFFICE HOURS
8.30 to 11 A. M., 2.30 to 4 P. M., except Saturday.
Saturday: 8.30 A. M. to 12 M., 7.30 to 9 P. M.

To the Citizens of Reading:

The Board of Water Commissioners hereby submit their eighteenth annual report.

MAINTENANCE

Received rent		\$66 00
Received fines and summons		20 80
Paid Pay Roll	\$1,432 50	
C. W. Abbott, P. M., postage, etc.	122 05	
Engineering Record	3 00	
Reading Masonic Temple Corp., rent	132 00	
American Express	40	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	40	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	43 73	
The Addressograph Co.	145 17	
Engineering News	5 00	
Thorp & Martin Co., stationery	6 95	
Francis Bros.	8 95	
W. Bancroft & Co.	72	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	37 25	
W. N. Willis, awning	9 00	
The Bristol Co., charts	1 50	
George H. Atkinson Co.	50	
N. E. Towel Supply Co.	2 25	
Car fares	18 75	
Library Bureau	90	
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co., stationery	2 30	
Municipal Light Board	1 20	
Balance		1,887 72
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	\$1,974 52	\$1,974 52

PUMPING STATION MAINTENANCE

Received rent		\$180 00
Paid Pay Roll	\$1,261 15	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	3 85	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	48 47	
George A. Shackford, teaming	186 19	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., oil and pack- ing	95 88	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	836 57	
Julian P. Friez, gauge	1 00	
R. P. Burgess, labor	8 30	
Fred A. Stockwell, assignee, boiler mouth	40 00	
The Russell Co., coal	195 61	
George H. Atkinson Co., brooms, pails, etc.	3 25	
Francis Bros., supplies	14 34	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber	3 30	
Jos. Breck & Sons Corp.	7 97	
The Hodge Boiler Works, tube plugs	7 95	
C. A. Clafin & Co., packing	25 13	
Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co., repair pump	27 47	
Perrin, Seamans & Co., fittings	1 67	
Braman, Dow & Co., fittings	21 12	
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings	7 88	
Insurance	47 35	
W. F. Cook, painting	11 90	
Town of North Reading, taxes	1 30	
Edward M. Alden, coal	66 00	
Municipal Light Board, lamps, etc.	6 00	
O. O. Ordway, repair tools	2 40	
The Fairbanks Co., valves	4 20	
American Express Co.	60	
Car fares	1 40	
E. C. Metcalf, brush	25	
Balance		2,758 50
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	\$2,938 50	\$2,938 50

MAINTENANCE OF FILTERS

Paid Pay Roll	\$832 00	
Harrison Bros. & Co., sulph. alumina . .	152 16	
F. H. Parker & Son, teaming . .	13 13	
Francis Bros.	60	
George A. Shackford, teaming clay . .	13 50	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., pipe . .	2 85	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . .	14 25	
George H. Atkinson, pails	34	
Municipal Light Board, wire . .	2 29	
Lawrence Machine Co., repairs . .	20 55	
Insurance	47 35	
O. O. Ordway, labor	25	
American Express Co.	40	
Car fares	85	
Chandler & Farquahar, set screws . .	40	
	<hr/>	\$1,100 92

MAINTENANCE OF METERS

Paid Pay Roll	\$290 19	
J. E. Margeson, horse	4 00	
George A. Shackford, horse	1 50	
George H. Atkinson Co., matches . .	74	
Hersey Mfg. Co., repair meters . .	24 42	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	2 75	
National Meter Co., repair meters . .	67 90	
Union Water Meter Co., repair meters	3 00	
Thompson Meter Co., repair meters . .	14 80	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . .	1 25	
American Express Co.	2 90	
	<hr/>	\$413 45

MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE PIPES

Paid Pay Roll	\$31 57	
A. B. Matthews, horse	6 00	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., valves . .	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$45 07

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN PIPE

Paid Pay Roll	\$37 41	
A. B. Matthews, horse	3 00	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., repairs	4 70	
	<hr/>	\$45 11

INTEREST

Received interest on deposits		\$36 87
“ hydrant rent		4,950 00
“ for water for fountains		300 00
“ for water for street sprinkling		500 00
“ from receipts for water		2,038 13
Paid interest on note	\$325 00	
interest on bonds	7,500 00	
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	\$7,825 00	\$7,825 00

PIPE LINE

Paid pay roll	\$458 41	
Geo. A. Shackford, teaming	5 00	
H. Mueller Mfg. Co., lead wool	12 50	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., gates	34 50	
J. E. Margeson, horse	49 00	
Perrin, Seamans & Co.	2 07	
F. O. Dewey Co., lantern globes	1 50	
Walworth Mfg. Co., gate boxes	11 25	
American Powder Mills	1 27	
Priest, Page & Co., drill steel	4 80	
Builders Iron Foundry, specials	9 00	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., lead	88 86	
Warren Foundry & Machine Co., pipe	667 06	
O. O. Ordway, repairing tools	14 05	
G. H. Atkinson Co., oil	1 20	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	25	
Francis Bros.	65	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	3 14	
	<hr/>	\$1,364 51

SERVICE PIPES

Received for pipe laid		\$498 52
Paid pay roll	\$860 13	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	155 50	
Geo. A. Shackford, horse hire	1 50	
E. M. Dart Mfg. Co., S. & W. cocks	27 61	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., oil, etc.	8 35	
Francis Bros.	5 82	
F. H. Parker & Son	8 25	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	6 32	
American Powder Mills	12 77	
W. C. Taylor, repairing harness	2 40	
Tenney, Morse & Co., pipe	49 09	
J. E. Margeson, horse hire	117 00	
H. L. Bond Co., handles	1 60	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., valves	10 65	
T. C. Fife, fittings and labor	5 31	
Perrin, Seamans & Co., pump	7 05	
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe	162 86	
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe	34 72	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., pipe	7 70	
Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., pipe	205 16	
O. O. Ordway, repairing tools	23 45	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber	1 50	
American Express Co.	55	
Car fares	60	
F. Bartley, boots	4 00	
Balance		1,221 37
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	\$1,719 89	\$1,719 89

METERS

Paid pay roll	\$23 47
F. H. Parker & Son, express	1 45
A. B. Matthews, horse	10 50
Braman, Dow & Co., fittings	3 15
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$38 55

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	38 55	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	1 17	
The Meter Appliance Co., covers . . .	75 00	
National Meter Co., meters . . .	345 00	
Hersey Mfg. Co., meters . . .	30 00	
J. E. Margeson, horse . . .	17 00	
American Express Co. . . .	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$508 47

EXPERIMENTAL FILTER

Paid Robert Spurr Weston, engineer . . .	\$786 91	
E. H. Gowling, plans	50 50	
Pay roll	9 50	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . .	75	
E. M. Dart Mfg. Co., S. & W. cocks . . .	8 62	
	<hr/>	\$856 28

NEW CLEAR WATER BASIN

Paid Pay Roll	\$12 81	
Car fares	5 75	
Municipal Light Board, lamps . . .	2 80	
N. Bancroft Est., boots	4 00	
C. F. Dudley, contract	1,815 82	
J. E. Margeson, horse	3 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., bricks	1 38	
	<hr/>	\$1,845 56

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash balance from 1906	\$9 33	
Interest on deposits	36 87	
Hydrant rent	4,950 00	
Water for drinking fountains . . .	300 00	
Water for street sprinkling . . .	500 00	
Meter rates	11,586 56	
Fines and summons	20 80	
Service pipe	498 52	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$17,902 08	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$17,902 08	
Rent	246 00	
Note	2,500 00	
Paid interest		\$7,825 00
Maintenance		1,974 52
Pumping station maintenance		2,938 50
Filter maintenance		1,100 92
Meter maintenance		413 45
Service pipe maintenance		45 07
Main pipe maintenance		45 11
Experimental filter		856 28
Main pipe		1,364 51
Service pipe		1,719 89
Meters		508 47
Clear water basin		1,845 56
Cash on hand		10 80
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	\$20,648 08	\$20,648 08

SUMMARY OF COST OF PLANT

Reported last year	\$300,030 61	
Main pipe	1,364 51	
Service pipe	1,221 47	
Meters	508 47	
Clear water basin	1,845 56	
	<hr/>	\$304,970 62

The Board recommends that \$4,980.00 be raised and appropriated for hydrant rental, that \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for water for drinking fountains, and that \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for water for street sprinkling.

The interest payable the current fiscal year amounts to \$7,695.00, as follows:

\$177,000 00 for one year	\$7,080 00
7,000 00 for six months	140 00
10,000 00 for one year	325 00
2,500 00 for one year	150 00
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	\$7,695 00

In accordance with the vote passed at a special Town Meeting held June 18th, 1907, the Commissioners asked for and received bids for doing certain portions of the new filters, but the condition of the money market has been such that we have been unable to dispose of 4 per cent. bonds, and the only part executed so far is waterproofing the clear water basin and erecting the columns, which contract was awarded to C. F. Dudley of Reading. We hope, that with the easier financial condition, to be able to place the bonds, and complete the work early in the year.

By a vote passed at the same meeting, we have laid 1,308 feet of 6 inch main on Oak street, and placed one hydrant on the line.

HENRY R. JOHNSON,
GEO. A. SHACKFORD,
E. HARLEY GOWING,
Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF WATER REGISTRAR

Amount of water bills rendered in 1907	\$12,112 85	
Amount collected and paid to E. F. Parker,		
Treasurer		\$11,391 09
Amount uncollected		656 11
Amount abated		65 65
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	\$12,112 85	\$12,112 85
Amount of 1906 bills uncollected	\$301 85	
Amount of 1905 bills uncollected	5 41	
Amount collected and paid to E. F. Parker,		
Treasurer		\$195 47
Amount abated		24 04
Amount uncollected		87 75
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	\$307 26	\$307 26
Service pipe bills rendered in 1907	\$590 81	
Service pipe bills previous years	146 76	
Amount collected and paid to E. F. Parker,		
Treasurer		\$498 52
Amount uncollected		239 05
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	\$737 57	\$737 57

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, Registrar.

Reading, Jan. 31, 1908.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reading Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN: The eighteenth annual report of the Superintendent is submitted for the year ending December 31, 1907.

The extension of mains has been thirteen hundred and eight and four-tenths feet of six inch pipe on Oak street, as authorized by vote of the Town passed June 18th. Two gates and one hydrant were set in this line.

There have been no leaks in the main pipe during the year.

One hydrant on Village street was broken by a runaway horse. It was replaced, also two on West street.

The following table will show the location of all the hydrants.

LOCATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS DECEMBER 31, 1907

	LOCATION
ASH STREET	West side, south corner Gould West side, north corner Avon West side, north corner Cross
AUBURN STREET	South side, west corner Beacon South side, near Weston & Emery's
BANCROFT AVENUE	West side, south corner Middlesex avenue
BERKLEY STREET	West side, near house of E. P. Bancroft
BROOK STREET	East side, south corner Ash
CENTER AVENUE	North side, opposite house of E. M. Knight
DEERING STREET	East side, south corner Lowell
EATON STREET	East side, south corner Salem East side, north corner Pleasant

WEST STREET

West side, near house of Jas. O. Carter
 West side, near house of Wm. C. Buck
 West side, opposite Oak
 West side, near house of F. C. Tukey
 West side, opposite C. P. Weston's house
 West side, opposite King
 West side, near house of Allen C. Jones
 East side, near house of Emma S. Knowles
 West side, opposite house of Geo. P. Abbott

WILLOW STREET

North side, opposite house of J. H. White
 North side, opposite Summer Ave.

WINTER STREET

East side, north corner Salem

WOBURN STREET

North side, at common
 North side, east corner Sanborn
 North side, west corner Linden
 North side, east corner Chute
 North side, east corner Washington
 North side, east corner Temple
 North side, opposite Pratt
 North side, east corner Summer Ave.
 North side, west corner Prospect
 North side, west corner Berkley

PRIVATE HYDRANTS

ASH STREET

Reading Rubber Mfg. Co.
 3 south of mill
 1 east of boiler house
 3 north of mill
 O. P. Symonds & Son
 1 west of mill

BERKLEY STREET

E. B. Richardson
 1 East of shop

SALEM STREET

Fair Ground
 1 near north gate

There have been twenty-nine services put in during the year, making twelve hundred and and seventy-five in the system. Three service leaks have been repaired, two caused by electrolytic action and one by bad solder joint.

The following table will show the amount of service pipe in use.

	6 inch Cast Iron	1½ Inch Galvanized	1½ inch Enamelled	1½ Inch Galvanized	1 Inch Galvanized	1½ Inch Lead Lined	1 Inch Lead Lined	¾ Inch Lead Lined	1 Inch Cement Lined	¾ Inch Cement Lined	2 Inch Galvanized	¾ Inch Galvanized
Owned by the town		483	33.7	15787.1	196.2	30.8	887.2	21824.8	367.1	9919.9	1688.3	1572.7
Owned by individuals	814	547	123	1324.2	776.6	89.4	73	23202.8	78	12497.2	314.6	1845.7
Total	814	1030	156.7	17111.3	972.8	120.2	960.2	45027.6	445.1	22417.1	2002.9	3418.4

The following kinds and sizes of meters are in use:

No.	NAME	SIZES				
		2 in.	1½ in.	1 in.	¾ in.	½ in.
83	Crown	3	.....	2	2	76
657	Nash .....	.....	3	5	.....	649
198	Empire	1	.....	.....	.....	197
1	Gem	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
41	Lambert .....	.....	.....	2	.....	39
12	Thompson	1	.....	1	.....	10
6	Worthington Disc .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
120	Hersey Disc	2	6	8	.....	104
2	Neptune .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
12	Union Rotary	3	1	3	.....	5
6	King .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
27	Columbia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
1	Niagara	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	Keystone .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
1167		12	10	21	2	1122

YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE

FROM JAN. 1, 1907, TO JAN. 1, 1908

MONTH	No. Days	No. Hours	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped	Total Head	Pounds Coal	Rain Fall
January . . .	31	147	45	5,095,166	219	45,886	3.97
February . . .	28	130	15	4,378,453		38,898	2.10
March . . .	31	142	45	4,872,808		43,428	2.04
April . . .	30	131	30	4,886,827		39,416	3.21
May . . .	31	133	15	4,639,884		40,457	2.89
June . . .	30	165	45	5,822,913		44,781	3.80
July . . .	31	180	30	6,216,335		46,134	3.58
August . . .	31	198	15	6,822,504		51,881	1.33
September . . .	30	136	30	4,748,099		38,751	7.90
October . . .	31	140	15	4,793,386		40,616	3.36
November . . .	30	130	15	4,290,898		37,051	6.83
December . . .	31	131	15	4,112,662		40,926	3.60
	365	1773	15	60,279,935		508,225	44.61

TABLE SHOWING CONSUMPTION IN GALLONS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, 1907

Domestic use, manufacturing and trade purposes, metered	35,152,060
Domestic use, unmetered (estimated)	1,610,000
Drinking fountains	7,195,950
Street sprinkling (estimated)	5,000,000
Amount used at two fires	1,200,000
Total accounted for	50,148,010
Amount unaccounted for	10,131,925
Total pumped	60,279,935
Percentage of water pumped accounted for	83
Percentage of water pumped unaccounted for	17
Percentage of water pumped, metered	58.3

COST OF MAINTENANCE AND REVENUE, 1907

	Amounts	Cost per 1000 Gallons pumped
Interest on bonds . . .	\$7,825 00	.1298
Management and repairs . .	2,391 35	.0396
Pumping station maintenance	2,758 50	.0457
Filter maintenance . . .	1,100 92	.0182
Total maintenance without interest	6,250 77	.1035
		Recovered per 1000 gallons pumped
Receipts from water takers . .	\$11,586 56	.1922
Total receipts . . .	17,327 23	.2870

Table showing amount of rain and melted snow for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907:

Day of Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Day of Month
1	1.43	.11	...	...	.13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
2	...	...	...	.53	...	.12	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
3	...	...	...	...	...	.85	...	...	...	...	.80	...	3
4	...	...	.52	...	.35	...	...	...	1.20	.46	...	...	4
5	.37	...	...	...	...	...	...	.45	...	...	...	.15	5
6	...	1.18	...	...	...	.15	...	.09	.56	.04	...	...	6
7	...	...	...	...	.21	...	.12	...	...	...	2.28	...	7
8	.38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.51	...	...	8
9	...	...	...	.84	...	...	...	...	.39	...	...	...	9
10	...	...	...	.91	...	.12	...	...	...	.02	.40	...	10
11	...	.06	.10	.07	.89	...	...	...	.09	...	.02	.86	11
12	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.01	...	.15	...	...	...	12
13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.15	...	...	...	13
14	.29	...	.42	.24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
15	.16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.23	15
16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.15	16
17	...	...	...	...	.54	...	...	.12	...	...	...	...	17
18	...	...	...	...	...	...	.08	...	...	...	...	...	18
19	.20	.25	...	.05	...	.98	...	...	...	...	.23	...	19
20	...	...	.43	...	.19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
21	.07	...	...	...	...	...	.25	...	...	.53	...	...	21
22	.16	.21	...	...	...	...	...	...	.24	...	.07	...	22
23	...	...	...	.57	...	...	.19	...	1.06	...	...	...	23
24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.51	...	...	.64	24
25	...	.29	.34	...	...	...	.68	.09	.05	...	2.82	...	25
26	...	...	...	...	...	...	.64	...	...	...	.10	...	26
27	.91	...	...	...	.28	.05	.61	...	...	...	.11	...	27
28	...	...	.23	...	.30	...	...	.04	.05	.15	...	...	28
29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.40	...	...	29
30	...	...	...	...	...	1.53	...	...	2.60	.25	...	.50	30
31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.54	...	...	...	.02	31
	3.97	2.10	2.04	3.21	2.89	3.80	3.58	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.60	

The average rainfall in Massachusetts is 45.30 inches. The rainfall at Reading Pumping Station was 44.61 inches, making a deficiency of .69 inches. There was an excess of rainfall in January, June, September and November; most of the excess occurred in September and November, when the rainfall was double the average for those months.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS — STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM READING WATER WORKS

PARTS IN 100,000

No.	DATE OF		APPEARANCE			ODOR		Residue on Evaporation	AMMONIA		Chlorine	NITROGEN AS		Oxygen Consumed	Hardness	Iron
	Collec- tion	Exami- nation	Turbidity	Sediment	Color	Cold	Hot		Free	Albu- mi- noid		Ni- trates	Ni- trites			
	1907	1907														
64757	Feb. 4	Feb. 4	Slight	Slight	Fil. 34	None	Faintly Un.	8.10	.0100	.0068	.68	.0060	.0000	.32	2.9	Filter Gallery
64758	Feb. 4	Feb. 4	Slight	Slight	Fil. .01	None	Faintly Un.	9.60	.0086	.0042	.68	.0040	.0000	.12	3.6	Filter Weir
64759	Feb. 4	Feb. 4	None	None	.00	None	None	9.00	.0024	.0030	.65	.0040	.0000	.05	3.4	Ex. Filter
64918	Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Decided	None	.07	None	None	8.80	.0098	.0054	.69	.0040	.0001	.12	3.0	Filter Weir
64919	Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.43	None	Family Un.	7.10	.0106	.0100	.65	.0050	.0001	.39	2.7	Filter Gallery
64920	Feb. 12	Feb. 13	None	None	.00	None	None	8.70	.0014	.0030	.66	.0040	.0000	.08	3.8	Ex. Filter
65288	Mar. 12	Mar. 12	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.25	None	None	7.80	.0098	.0084	.75	.0010	.0001	.44	3.0	Filter Gallery
65289	Mar. 12	Mar. 12	Slight	S. flocculent	.07	None	None	10.90	.0084	.0034	.72	.0050	.0001	.15	3.6	Filter Weir
65290	Mar. 12	Mar. 12	None	None	.00	None	None	9.40	.0012	.0036	.72	.0050	.0000	.10	3.0	Ex. Filter
65607	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.33	None	None	6.70	.0084	.0094	.64	.0050	.0000	.12	3.0	Filter Gallery
65608	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	None	C. white flocc.	.11	None	None	8.40	.0074	.0048	.62	.0050	.0000	.10	2.3	Filter Weir
65609	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	Decided iron	None	.01	None	None	7.90	.0088	.0030	.62	.0050	.0000	.04	3.0	Ex. Filter
65962	May 14	May 14	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.50	F. Woody	F. Woody	7.50	.0088	.0106	.61	.0060	.0001	.57	2.9	Filter Gallery
65963	May 14	May 14	Slight	Cons.	.07	None	None	7.10	.0068	.0058	.60	.0060	.0000	.20	3.0	Filter Weir
65964	May 14	June 11	None	None	.00	None	None	8.40	.0080	.0084	.60	.0060	.0000	.08	2.9	Ex. Filter
66355	June 11	June 11	Slight	None	.75	None	None	7.20	.0068	.0034	.60	.0060	.0000	.24	2.9	Filter Gallery
66356	June 11	June 11	Slight	Slight	.02	None	F. Woody	7.50	.0092	.0142	.59	.0080	.0001	.61	2.9	Filter Weir
66357	June 11	June 11	None	None	.02	None	None	7.10	.0020	.0054	.60	.0090	.0000	.15	2.5	Ex. Filter
66712	July 9	July 9	Slight iron	Cons. iron	.57	Family Un.	Faintly Un.	8.00	.0100	.0102	.76	.0080	.0000	.54	2.6	Filter Gallery
66713	July 9	July 9	Slight	Slight	.10	None	None	7.00	.0090	.0056	.79	.0070	.0000	.27	2.9	Filter Weir
67385	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Slight	Slight	.55	Very F. U.	Faintly Un.	9.30	.0124	.0092	1.20	.0020	.0002	.46	2.9	Filter Gallery
67386	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Slight	V. slight	.09	None	Very F. U.	9.10	.0120	.0066	1.21	.0020	.0002	.18	2.9	Filter Weir
67827	Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.37	None	None	10.60	.0124	.0076	1.82	.0030	.0002	.26	3.0	Filter Gallery
67828	Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Decided iron	Cons. floccul't	.12	None	None	10.20	.0126	.0058	1.90	.0030	.0003	.11	3.8	Filter Weir
68329	Oct. 9	Oct. 9	Slight	Cons. floccul't	.37	None	F. Woody	9.90	.0142	.0094	1.40	.0040	.0001	.32	3.5	Filter Gallery
68330	Oct. 9	Oct. 9	Slight	S. flocculent	.02	None	None	10.50	.0128	.0060	1.38	.0040	.0000	.14	3.6	Filter Weir
68341	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.40	None	None	12.40	.0136	.0110	1.01	.0050	.0000	.50	3.9	Filter Gallery
68915	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Decided iron	Slight	.01	V. F. Woody	F. Woody	12.30	.0130	.0064	.93	.0060	.0000	.20	3.9	Filter Weir
69447	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Decided	Cons.	.48	None	None	10.60	.0128	.0106	.93	.0020	.0000	.47	3.3	Filter Gallery
69448	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Slight	Slight	T'bid 13	None	None	10.60	.0122	.0058	.94	.0020	.0000	.21	3.5	Filter Weir

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1907

In form recommended by the New England Water Works Association.

READING WATER WORKS

READING, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASS.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population by Census of 1905, 5,682.

Date of construction, 1890 and 1891.

By whom owned, Town of Reading.

Source of supply, filter gallery.

Mode of supply, pumping.

PUMPING STATISTICS

1. Builders of Pumping Machinery, Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co.
2. Description of fuel used

{	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kind, coal. b. Brands of coal, Bituminous. c. Average price of coal per gross ton, delivered, \$5.40. d. Percentage of ash, e. Wood, price per cord, \$
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3. Coal consumed for the year, 508,225 lbs.
4. [Pounds of wood consumed] divided by three equals equivalent amount of coal, lbs.
- 4a. Amount of other fuel used,
5. Total equivalent coal consumed for the year equals (3) plus (4), lbs.
6. Total pumpage for the year, 60,279,935 gallons, with allowance for slip.

7. Average static head against which pumps work, 219 feet.
8. Average dynamic head against which pumps work, 240 feet.
9. Number of gallons pumped per pound of equivalent coal (5),
118½.
10. Duty equals $\frac{\text{gallons pumped (6)} \times 8.34 \text{ (lbs.)} \times 100 \times \text{dynamic head (8)}}{\text{Total fuel consumed (5)}}$
equals 23,740,728.
Cost of pumping, figured on pumping station expenses, viz.,
\$2,758.50.
11. Per million gallons pumped, \$45.76.
12. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic), \$0.19.
Cost of fitting per million gallons, \$18.22.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
<i>Balance brought forward:</i>		<i>Water Works Maintenance:</i>	
(a)	From ordinary (maintenance) receipts	AA. Operation (management and repairs)	\$6,517 57
	Total	CC. Total maintenance	\$6,517 57
		DD. Interest on bonds	7,825 00
		CC plus DD	14,342 57
<i>From Water Rates:</i>		<i>Water Works Construction:</i>	
B.	Meter rates	GG. Extension of mains	1,364 51
C.	Total from consumers	HH. Extension of services	1,719 89
D.	For hydrants	II. Extension of meters	508 47
E.	For fountains	JJ. Special:	
F.	For street watering	Experimental filters	856 28
J.	Total from municipal depts.	Clear water basins	1,845 56
L.	From note issue	KK. Total construction	6,294 71
M.	From other sources:	MM. Balance:	
	Rents, interest, etc.	Total balance	10 80
	Service pipes		
N.	Total	N. Total	\$20,648 08

STATISTICS OF CONSUMPTION OF WATER

1. Estimated total population at date, 5,735.
2. Estimated population on lines of pipe, 5,635.
3. Estimated population supplied, 3,145.
4. Total consumption for the year, 60,279,935 gallons.
5. Passed through meters, 35,125,060 gallons.
6. Percentage of consumption metered, .583.
7. Average daily consumption, 165,013 gallons.
8. Gallons per day to each inhabitant, 28.77.
9. Gallons per day to each consumer, 32.07.
10. Gallons per day to each tap, 129.4.
11. Cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance (item CC), \$108.12.
12. Total cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance plus interest on bonds, \$237.93.

STATISTICS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MAINS

1. Kind of pipe, cast iron.
2. Sizes, from 6 inch to 12 inch.
3. Extended 1,308.4 feet during year.
4. Discontinued 0 feet during year.
5. Total now in use, 29.776 miles.
6. Cost of repairs per mile, \$1.51.
7. Number of leaks per mile, none.
8. Length of pipes less than 4 inches diam., none miles.
9. Number of hydrants added during year (public and private), 1.
10. Number of hydrants (public and private) now in use, 166.
11. Number of stop gates added during year, 2.
12. Number of stop gates now in use, 267.
13. Number of stop gates smaller than 4-inch, none.

14. Number of blow-offs, 14.
15. Range of pressure on mains, 63 lbs. to 78 lbs.

SERVICES

16. Kind of pipe, cast iron, lead, and cement lined.
17. Sizes, 3-4 to 6 inches.
18. Extended, 4,023.9 feet.
19. Discontinued, 564.8 feet.
20. Total now in use, 17.7293 miles.
21. Number of service taps added during year, 29.
22. Number now in use, 1,275.
23. Average length of service, 138.7 feet.
24. Average cost of service for the year, \$59.30.
25. Number of meters added, 37.
26. Number now in use, 1,167.
27. Percentage of services metered, .915.
28. Percentage of receipts from metered water (B divided by C)
29. Number of motors and elevators added, 0.
30. Number now in use, 4.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, Superintendent.

Reading, Jan. 31, 1908.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF READING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1907

School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman, Walnut St. Term expires 1908

ARTHUR N. MANSFIELD, resigned Dec., 1907

CHARLES A. LORING, Summer Ave., elected Dec., '07

Term expires 1909

HOWARD W. POOR, Mt. Vernon St.

Term expires 1908

J. H. ROBINSON, High St.

Term expires 1909

MRS. ELIZABETH H. BROWN, Prospect St.

Term expires 1910

HENRY C. PARKER, Chute St.

Term expires 1910

Superintendent of Schools and Sec'y of School Committee

MELVILLE A. STONE

Truant Officers

A. A. SMITH

WM. KIDDER

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*
MELVILLE A. STONE, *Secretary*

SUB-COMMITTEES

W. S. Parker	<i>Finances and Accounts</i>	J. H. Robinson
	Arthur N. Mansfield	
H. C. Parker	<i>Books and Supplies</i>	W. S. Parker
	Mrs. Brown	
A. N. Mansfield	<i>School Houses and Property</i>	J. H. Robinson
	H. W. Poor	
J. H. Robinson	<i>Rules and Regulations</i>	H. W. Poor
	A. N. Mansfield	
W. S. Parker	<i>Teachers and Salaries</i>	H. C. Parker
	H. W. Poor	
Mrs. Brown	<i>Music and Drawing</i>	A. N. Mansfield
	H. C. Parker	
H. W. Poor	<i>Course of Study</i>	H. C. Parker
	Mrs. Brown	

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee of Reading submits the following report:

The schools have had, on the whole, a very successful year.

The number of changes among the teachers has been very large but we have been extremely fortunate in filling the vacancies.

The Committee organized at the beginning of the school year in the choice of Walter S. Parker, Chairman, and Supt. Melville A. Stone as Secretary. We are sorry to record the resignation of Arthur N. Mansfield from membership on the Board. He had served on the Board but a short time, altho' in that limited period he had plainly shown his pre-eminent fitness for the position.

His liberal education, his broad view of all subjects presented for his consideration, his judicial temperament and his sincerity all combine to make him a valuable member of our School Board.

The vacancy caused by his resignation was filled at a joint convention of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, by the election of Charles A. Loring, a graduate of our schools, who brings to the Board the experience of a successful business man.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOLS

The Town is fortunate in having many generous citizens, who take a keen interest in whatever pertains to the welfare of the schools. We have had presented to the schools from time to time works of art, pictures, statuary, busts, books, etc., etc. We desire to make public recognition of these gifts, from year to year, in our reports. We have, therefore, endeavored to make a complete list of all of these gifts which have been given to the schools. Appended to this report will be found a list of the pictures and the names of

the several donors. If any names have been omitted, we would feel grateful to any one who might inform us of the omission.

It is a well established fact that environment has great influence in determining the life of the young. The Committee would, therefore, take this opportunity to heartily thank our friends for the generous gifts of the past, and suggest to those friends who have not yet taken advantage of the privilege of donating something to the schools that books, pictures, other works of art, would tend to make our school buildings places of stronger influence in the upbuilding of sterling characters in the life of the pupils.

FINANCES

The Committee would respectfully and earnestly urge the citizens to study carefully the financial statement contained in this report. It gives us pleasure to acknowledge the liberality of the Town in its annual appropriation for public education. We feel justified in expressing an honest pride in the action and attitude of our Town in educational matters. The High School building and the Highland School building are both grand expressions of the interest of the Town in education. In this connection we would urge the careful study of our salary list by all thoughtful citizens.

When we take into account the high price of board, clothing, and everything that enters into the cost of living, the absolute necessities which all our teachers must have for their social well-being, it seems clear that our salaries are low. The public are inclined to take the stand that every man should have a living wage, that every worker should at least receive enough money to be able, with thrift and economy, to live comfortably and decently, and give his children an elementary education. Such, it seems, should be the reward of every man who is honest, industrious, temperate and thrifty. Now if we apply that reasoning to the teachers who receive our lowest salaries, \$400.00 per year, it certainly falls short of a living wage. We do not expect to compete with larger cities and towns in the salaries paid to teachers, yet on the other hand we must not forget that in teaching, as in all other employments, the price paid influences the quality of the work done. From the na-

ture and importance of the work, can we afford to withhold from the worthy teacher a reasonable, fair compensation? Is there any part of our social and civic organization of greater importance, or where the destinies of the individual or the welfare of our country are more involved? The greatest thing in the education of every child, next to influence of parents and the home, is the influence of an excellent teacher.

In this connection we would take time to call the attention of parents to their grave responsibilities in this matter. Some one has said, "Given the first five years of a child's life and his future is assured." While that may not prove true in every case, yet there is truth enough in it to cause every father and mother to think seriously and pray daily for divine guidance in the great task of rearing sons and daughters.

The Parents' Associations now formed everywhere in connection with our public schools, are but additional evidences of the strong factors in education which should emanate from the home.

How many mothers realize that their wise and loving care of the children during the first two years of their life, largely determines their attitude towards obedience, self-control, unselfishness, kindliness, forbearance, love, in short, the beginnings of all those virtues which make up a fine character and a useful member of society?

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

There is at the present time in this country, in Germany, England, France, and Russia a very large interest expressed in education, and especially in industrial education. Great strides have been made by all these countries in commercial and industrial progress during the past twenty years. Germany has made the greatest advancement in material prosperity of all the countries of Europe. When we investigate the cause of the wonderful advance made by Germany, in spite of poor soil, unfavorable situation, and oppressive military system, we are forced to the conclusion that one great factor determines the cause, namely: the industrial and commercial education of the whole people through the strong influence and wise statesmanship of Emperor Wm. III.

The United States is today profoundly stirred by the agitation of industrial education. The State of Massachusetts has already begun a definite movement in this same direction, by the appointment by the Governor of an industrial commission.

The educational question before us can be divided into two parts. First: How can we improve what we already have in the schools? Second: What is the best thing to introduce beyond what we already have, in order that the boy may, in the shortest possible time, become a useful and happy member of the social whole, by earning his own living? In other words, how can we bridge over the chasm between school life and actual life work, better, in less time, and more completely than we have ever done in the past?

Both of the questions are worthy of our most serious consideration. The first depends largely on the personality of the teacher and that depends primarily on the price that we pay and the inducements of our social life.

The second requires much thought and study of conditions and the elements which are bound up in our prosperity.

There is one thing of which we are absolutely certain. Every pupil who is graduated from our schools, is sure to be called upon to make his own contribution to the social whole through his life work. His work will be some occupation to raise the social whole, to help society, to sustain government, to build the town. When we consider all these things, is it far fetched or unreasonable for us to ask whether it would not be wise and sane for us to suggest that some steps be taken to introduce some form of industrial work in our High School?

We would not make any definite recommendation at this time, although we have a room especially adapted and set apart for the purpose in the High School building.

Although we do not press the matter now, we still think it merits careful consideration and discussion. Cannot something be done later to make the transition from school to life work shorter, quicker, and a better adaptation to each individual pupil?

We must not lose sight of the fact, that action is an essential part of education. Some maintain that a "child's thought is never

dissociated from his muscles," that "an idea is not complete until it is realized in action." The school should assist the pupil in turning knowledge into action.

Prof. James says: "Laboratory work and shop work engender a habit of observation, a knowledge of the difference between accuracy and vagueness, and an insight into nature's complexity and into the inadequacy of all abstract verbal accounts of real phenomena which, once wrought into the mind, remain there a lifelong possession. They confer precision; because if you are doing a thing you must do it definitely right or definitely wrong. They give honesty; for when you express yourself by making things, and not by using words, it becomes impossible to dissimulate your vagueness or ignorance by ambiguity; they beget a habit of self reliance; they keep the interest and attention always cheerfully engaged, and reduce the teacher's disciplinary function to a minimum."

The terms of three members of the board expire at the next Town meeting: Howard W. Poor, Walter S. Parker and Charles A. Loring.

APPROPRIATIONS

We would respectfully recommend the sum of \$29,000 for regular school expenses and \$5,000 for school incidentals.

Adopted in School Committee Feb. 5th, 1908.

WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman.

ELIZABETH H. BROWN.

HENRY C. PARKER.

JOHN H. ROBINSON.

HOWARD W. POOR.

CHARLES A. LORING.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

I submit my ninth annual report, which is the fifteenth in the series.

CARE OF BUILDINGS

An inspection of the buildings in the early summer brought to light some instances of weathering that called for immediate attention.

The ventilating stacks at the Highland School required a relaying of the outer courses, while the copper work was also found in bad condition.

The tin roof at the Center School showed the need of renailing.

The Chestnut Hill School was found to be in need of a coat of paint and other minor repairs.

The Prospect Street School interior called for tinting and varnish. All these were duly attended to during the summer vacation, while the roofs of the Center and Union Street Schools were suffered to do duty another year. It seems impossible to defer longer the reshingling of both these buildings, on account of the damage threatening the interiors.

Now that the roof of the Highland School has been repaired the interior demands attention, and I would recommend that the hall be repaired this year and the rest of the interior deferred till later. The outside woodwork also needs painting this year. The same is true of the Lowell Street building. In both instances one coat of paint this year will serve the purpose of two coats applied a year or more later.

The usual repair of the desks was accomplished last summer with the usual gratifying result that the pupils seem to grow more

careful of their desks the longer they continue in school. The fact that only three or four fines for marring desks were collected from more than twelve hundred pupils is a pretty good proof that they have learned to curb that destructive instinct so common to the schoolboy of fifty years ago.

Another matter of permanent improvement which I wish to submit for your consideration is the sanitation of the Prospect Street School building. A number of protests have been received regarding this condition, and I believe the right solution is to place in the basement the proper modern outfit for such service.

CARE OF THE CHILDREN

Our first duty toward the children, it seems to me, is to provide properly for their physical comfort and development, and this brings to mind the matter of medical inspection of the schools.

Thus far no appropriation has been made to enable us to carry out the spirit of the law, and I urge the importance of providing for the regular medical inspection of all the schools.

We may have our gymnasium at the High School, and our light gymnastics throughout the grades, but if from lack of careful medical supervision we suffer from as many cases of diphtheria, scarlet fever and measles as we annually experience, our schools would hardly seem to maintain the same rank from the physical standpoint as is accorded to them on the score of intellectual attainment.

From a consideration of the physical environment let us turn to that for which the schools are specially maintained, namely, the intellectual and moral development of the children.

First let me refer briefly to our course of study and the way in which the work of our High School is carried on.

Very few changes in text books have been made, but the change in the use of them has been considerable. No matter what may be the text-books and other equipment of the school, the chief factor in this work of child development is the teacher. One needs to visit the classes and become acquainted with the aims of the teacher to know how much good is accomplished here.

As our school has attained the size and condition of the city High School, we have made more of the departmental plan of work and it may not be out of place to give some of the ideas of teachers who stand at the heads of the several departments.

The teacher in charge of history writes: "It is acknowledged by all that one of the chief objects of study is to bring boys and girls to some knowledge of their environment, and to fit them to become intelligent citizens. The study of history certainly helps to accomplish this object and is now demanding and receiving in all secondary schools serious attention."

Our course in history follows the suggestions of the Committee of Seven, and with additions to our equipment of maps and reference works, with the added time devoted to it, our school has steadily gained for the past few years.

To say that in mathematics we fit for college would call forth no word of surprise from those who know what the school has done for many years past, but the fact that the most advanced pupils are nearing the completion of solid geometry and will be able to take as much of trigonometry as is needed for admission to any of our colleges will appeal to many as strong work indeed. In addition to this work with the upper classes the record of bringing all but four of a class of fifty to standard attainment in the geometry of the first four months, with frequent "originals" thrown in, will indicate the character of the work done willingly under the leadership of the teacher.

The work in physiology is very interesting to our pupils, so that the subject is elected by a large number of them, an experience as gratifying as it is unusual in high schools generally.

Our text book on this subject is *The Human Mechanism*, a fine model of a modern text book on science, with enough of the strictly scientific treatment to entitle it to respect, and with an unusually sensible adaptation of the scientific to the practical experiences of life.

I can give you no better idea of what is going on in the classes of biology, physiology and physical geography than to quote from the report of the teacher of these subjects.

"There are few courses of study that offer greater possibilities of interest than biology, for it deals with living things, therefore I have tried to develop these possibilities among the seventy Freshmen taking biology. The work has been met with enthusiasm."

PHYSIOLOGY

This course is not confined alone to physiology, but also includes anatomy, hygiene and sanitation. The "human organism" is looked upon as an exceedingly delicate and complex "mechanism," a "living machine," which may be used, or abused, which requires care and repair, and skill in its running. With this view in mind we endeavor to teach the student how to operate the "mechanism," how to prevent abnormal conditions (disease) and how to repair in case of disorder. Furthermore, that "public health" and "public sanitation" depends on personal health and cleanliness.

In physics and chemistry our work has steadily gained in making the pupils feel at home in these subjects by means of a proper experience with the laboratory method of work. This department is now in charge of a teacher who was offered the position of instructor of physics in one of our leading colleges. College preparation is of course provided for all who elect such work, and that thoroughly, while the practical application to every day living of the many principles studied is constantly kept in mind. To quote again, "My aim has been to make this course (Sophomore physics) a popular course."

For the first time the students come into the realization of the fact that there are natural laws, laws which can be applied for the benefit of man. Special stress has been laid on the application of physics, as in heating and ventilation, and later the camera, telegraph and the telephone.

With the addition of a third year to our course in French we have a department of modern languages requiring the time of more than one teacher, when the full course is carried out.

Here again the teacher in charge finds a way for making the work practical by using the conversational method in both French and German and in requiring the pupils to take notes upon idiomatic

expressions, special grammatical constructions in addition to the reading prescribed by the college authorities. But this description fails to give the impression that would be gained by a visit to the class room, where the keen attention and enthusiasm of the pupils are apparent.

In the commercial department it is interesting to know that the teachers are keenly alive to the need of forming right habits of accuracy and reliability from the first, with the thought that only such have a claim for consideration in the competition for positions.

Touch typewriting is taught and by a special plan of accounting for attendance these pupils are enabled to make rapid progress by using the usual study periods for practice upon the typewriters, with the result that the machines are in constant use throughout the day, and neat work by a proper method is secured from all.

The department of English is also reaching a condition of still greater thoroughness and definiteness of work for each year with the time and facilities now afforded, and it is a source of great satisfaction to hear from our graduates now in college of the ease with which they carry the English work now required of them.

This study of the mother tongue we fully believe in and feel proud that our preparation in English compares favorably with the best that can be secured in private fitting schools.

The teacher now directing this work gives the following in her report :

"To do its part in laying this foundation a course in English must teach them to understand and appreciate the thoughts of other people, to think for themselves, and to express their thoughts with clearness, some degree of grace and conformity with correct usage." Again, "by the study of literature three days a week, and the principles and practice of composition the other two, the effort is made to fit every student to understand, think and express his thoughts."

The work in Latin and Greek is under the special direction of the master of the school, which is a guarantee for a thorough college preparation for all who are willing to put forth the necessary effort.

Favorable as this report is designed to be and creditable as is the work of those who do not happen to hold the position of head

of a department, it does not touch upon the most important matter in the development of our young people, the training for reliable citizenship.

In athletics, in the class room, at lunch, at entertainments given in the hall, our pupils show a degree of self control that proves them already young ladies and young gentlemen who may be relied upon to do the right thing whether in connection with athletic contests or in a class room when alone.

I am very desirous that the people of Reading who have given us so splendid school equipment shall visit all the schools and get some clear idea of the work going on with these buildings. We are just beginning to get the hoped for results in our High School building. With the gymnasium completed, and regular work in rhetoricals established, we shall surely be in a fair way to develop at the best possible advantage the three-fold nature of every pupil in attendance.

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Our special teachers are all making definite gains in their respective lines of work.

The teacher of Sewing urges the extension of her work by giving the girls of the fifth grade an opportunity to learn the first elementary steps and also allow the sixth grade girls to receive instruction regularly each week instead of once in two weeks as at present.

I heartily endorse her plan and believe that the additional \$75 per annum would yield rich returns.

The teacher of Manual Training is succeeding in leading the boys to attempt something out of the regular set of models and thus develop their ingenuity and independence each according to his gift in this direction.

At the exhibition of work in Boston under the auspices of the Middlesex County Teachers' Association the work of both girls and boys called forth much favorable comment.

In Music the supervisor reports great gain in independent singing, which results in better chorus work, holding the pitch and improved rendering generally. He is pleased to find in the High

School so competent leaders of the glee clubs, Miss Buffum of the girls and Mr. Redden of the boys. This work gives a keener zest to all the music work of the High School, while the extra drill is certain to give greater efficiency in chorus work.

In Drawing the usual care and painstaking thoroughness still is manifest all along the line, and in the High School still more is attempted under the inspiration of the new environment.

In the higher grades especially the pupils are trained to use good material that the artistic effect of the result may be as nearly perfect as possible.

THE TEACHERS

Having touched upon the physical conditions and the plan of work in a general way, we now consider the most important factor in all this work of the school, the teacher.

We all know the kind of teacher we wish for our own children. It falls to me, as my chief duty, to select just that kind for the children of all, just so far as lies within my power, whether the salary at my disposal is large or small.

With what degree of success this has been accomplished I leave for you to decide as you visit their schools and make their acquaintance. During the year it became necessary to secure twenty-two teachers out of a total of thirty-eight.

To secure this large number has taxed the energies of superintendent and principals, both in making the selection and in training them into our plan of work with its various details for mental and moral development of the pupils.

A few changes in a corps of teachers each year is healthful for the schools, but a loss of more than one-half is too great for the good of the children. In most cases the children lose ground while making the acquaintance of the new teacher, even with the best teacher our salaries will secure.

In most cases those who left us were called to positions that yielded a much larger salary.

Miss Jennie F. Currier was first to resign, in February, after being elected to a larger position in the Fitchburg High School.

By a transfer of work Miss Alice P. Rand, of Lewiston, Me., was secured to take her place.

Miss Agnes S. Ordnung left us the last of March to accept a position in Winthrop, at an advance of \$150.00.

At the April meeting Miss Edith Ray Clapp resigned to accept a position at Dana Hall, Wellesley, at the close of the year. This was a decided promotion professionally and financially, and it came to one richly deserving it.

Miss L. Lucille Wheeler, of White River Junction, Vt., was secured for work in science.

At the same meeting resignations were received from Mr. E. N. Babcock and Miss Clara B. Wright, the latter to change her name and occupation, the former to accept the principalship of the High School at North Attleboro, both greatly benefitting by the change.

Miss Carrie L. Wyman, of Brookfield, was elected to take Miss Wright's school at the Prospect Street School, and Mr. Wm. R. Redden, of Hyde Park, was elected sub-master.

At the May meeting Miss Helen P. Abbott resigned to accept a larger position in the Brockton High School.

Miss Mabel A. Hayes, of Augusta, Me., was elected to take the work in French and German in September.

As Miss Alice M. Grover decided to change her occupation, Miss Ruth Buffum, of Easthampton, was elected to take mathematics in September.

Late in August Miss Isabel H. Coombs was elected to a position in the High School of New Bedford, at a large increase in salary, and Miss Alice M. Lombard, of Brimfield, Mass., was elected her successor.

At the October meeting Miss Jennie E. Wier tendered her resignation to accept a larger field of work in the High School of Chelsea.

Miss Helen B. Flanders, of Brookline, was elected in her place.

In the grades the following changes took place after the close of the school year and during the fall. At the Highland School

Miss Goodsoe secured a school in Melrose, Miss Holman in Milton, Miss Reid in Wenham, Miss Foster in Haverhill.

For their places were secured Miss Ethel M. Burrington, of Heath, Mass.; Miss Lavinia C. Cairns, of Hillsboro, N. H.; Miss Edna F. Wood, of North Adams, Mass.; Miss Julia A. Floyd, of Lowell, Mass.; Miss Edna H. Dyer, of Sebago, Me.

Miss Burrington was soon obliged to resign on account of ill health and Mrs. Anna M. Reck served as substitute for a time.

In December Miss Annie L. Dolloff resigned to accept a larger salary in Revere.

At the Center we have lost Miss Edith Wright, who has secured a more lucrative position nearer home. Miss Annie L. Donovan of Rockland, Mass., was elected to one of the schools in that building. Later Miss Batchelder resigned to accept a larger position in Natick, and Miss Wood was transferred from the sixth grade in the Highland to the fourth grade left vacant, at her request, while Mrs. Reck was secured as substitute for the sixth grade.

At the Union Street, no change took place during the summer, and we thought the school was to escape the disaster which affected each of the other schools.

In October, however, Miss Myra K. Parker received her appointment to a position in Boston and the search for her successor began at once. Miss Eudora W. Gould of Bridgton, Me., was finally secured to take up her work the Monday following Thanksgiving. In the meantime Miss Babcock was transferred to the room of first grade, at her request, and Miss Zita Fegan was secured as substitute for the room of second and third grades.

The Prospect Street school has lost three teachers within the year, Miss Wright and Miss Wyman for reasons before stated, and Miss Duncan to accept a larger position in Milton, to which she was elected in December.

She had served the school faithfully for four and a half years and had surely earned the promotion that came to her.

Miss Hortense F. Small of Somerville was secured for the room of first and second grades, and Miss Josephine Drown of

Johnson, Vt., was elected to succeed Miss Duncan.

At Chestnut Hill we have a change caused by the resignation of Miss Flett to accept a position with a larger salary in her home town.

Miss Gertrude B. Carter of Winchester was secured for the school.

At Lowell Street school we find Miss Lulu C. Colby of Haverhill who was elected to take the work after Miss Bessie Parker had been assigned to a room of fifth grade in the Highland School.

This gives our experience for the past year in losing teachers. I think it safe to say that one-half of these changes might have been prevented if we had been able to offer from fifty to seventy-five dollars more than we had to offer.

The individual who shows to visiting superintendents the qualities that characterize the good teacher, the tactful disciplinarian, the inspirer of children to do their best, is the one who is worth more to Reading than to others for quite a period of time, for she is established here and can continue right on in her good work, while in a new field every new teacher is taking chances for a longer or shorter time.

When we consider the high cost of living in our town, especially for the past year, all must admit that the salaries paid to our teachers are wholly out of proportion to what they render us in service, and in comparison with what our neighboring towns are paying.

Another phase of this matter must not be lost sight of.

If the superintendent is to do anything in the way of supervision, time must be found for this work, but hardly a week of the first four months of the present school year passed in which it was not necessary for him to travel in search of a teacher for one grade or another. This is not offered in any spirit of complaining, for, in spite of the hardships of travel, I take pleasure in seeking the teacher of the proper qualities of mind and heart to do the work the committee and people of Reading demand.

One element that enters into all this is a certain strength, usually depending upon experience, that will enable a teacher to

work successfully without very much supervision.

Our salaries will not command the type of teacher we need under these circumstances except under certain untoward conditions that hold the individual for the time. To find just these teachers calls for longer trips usually, and then in competition with other towns in need of the same teacher, the lack of the fifty or one hundred dollars results in losing to the other town, though first to find the teacher.

In view of our needs and our recent experience, I recommend that the salaries of our teachers be raised from fifty to seventy-five dollars, according to the necessity in each case, and that the last fifty dollars of the maximum salary for any grade be based upon merit rather than length of service.

GARDENING

It will be remembered that I said in my last report that continued co-operation of home, school and interested organizations would give us still greater benefit.

The past year has shown how thoroughly interested have been both parents and the members of the Woman's Club.

Through their efforts our Tree Warden was secured to undertake a systematic supervision of the work, and as a result the gardens of the seventy-five boys and girls were inspected three, four, and in some cases five times during the season.

Mr. Hubbard proved to be the right man in the right place in this work. By his encouraging words and helpful suggestions the boys and girls persevered to the end, and as a result the exhibit held in Highland Hall, on September 18th, showed excellent results in spite of the unfavorable season. Fifty of the children wrote a good description of the experiences of the summer in connection with this work, and thus additional benefit was derived.

Several prizes were given by the local Woman's Club and friends, and seven out of ten who sent flowers and vegetables to Horticultural Hall, Boston, in September, received prizes, and in December the fourth prize was awarded Reading Home Gardens.

This certainly is a good showing for our children, and I feel very strongly that this work is a very important one and should receive hearty support as a very efficient means of training our children in the most important things of life, a knowledge and a love for nature, patience and persistence under discouragement, appreciation of the cost of living, of the worth of our common fruits and vegetables.

It seems to me that we are now pursuing the right course in this matter, that home gardens so located that each child shall feel special interest in its success all through the summer, are more likely to be successes than any we might start as school gardens until we can provide still more instruction and supervision than the funds of the school department at present warrant our assuming.

PATRIOTISM

Another way in which our people show an interest in the development of the moral nature of the children is shown by the following experience.

Last spring the Woman's Relief Corps expressed a wish to present a silk flag to the Highland School, and suggested the location of the flag should depend upon the result of a contest participated in by one representative from each of the ten rooms of the building.

This contest took place early in June and the patriotic selections were nicely rendered by all the contestants. It was decided that the prize was won by Master Harold White, of the eighth grade, and the banner accordingly will be found in his room until some representative from another room carries off the honor.

In addition to this gift the Woman's Relief Corps presented each of the rooms in the Union Street School with a small silk flag to be a daily incentive to patriotic thought and purpose.

TEMPERANCE

Early in the year the Hon. J. B. Lewis, Jr., offered a prize to the successful competitor in each of the large schools, the High School and the Highland School, for the best essay written and delivered upon the subject of temperance.

The contest took place in the High School Hall before an appreciative audience.

Messrs. A. N. Mansfield, Oscar Stevens and Rev. W. H. Parker acted as judges.

Of the twelve contestants for the honor of representing the High School the lot fell to Miss Mildred C. Tuttle, class of '09; Miss Dotty M. Hodson, class of '07; Master Carl M. Smith, class of '10; Master Douglas A. Shepardson, class of '10.

Of these Miss Tuttle won the prize on the evening of the contest.

At the Highland School the teachers selected four from the eighty-six essays handed in, and the following pupils appeared on the program: Mabel Strout, Grade VIII; Frances Phelps, Grade VIII; Leroy Spiller, Grade IV; Nellie Hodgkins, Grade V.

Of these Miss Hodgkins received the prize.

In each case the prize was a set of Shakespeare, six vols., and a set of Dickens, twelve vols., costing \$25.

Our friend Mr. Lewis renews his offer this year and we expect to show great gain in this kind of work. We have great faith in the value of public speaking in the schools, and we would express our hearty appreciation for the interest that is shown in the liberal annual gift of fifty dollars.

PRUDENCE, THRIFT

In connection with our stamp savings plan, we can this year report a large number of stamp cards deposited in the local Savings Bank, in all amounting to \$291.60.

The total amount of stamps sold during the year is \$614.51.

In this report will be found a list of the pictures and other gifts to the schools, which show how great an interest our people feel in them.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation for the hearty loyalty of the teachers, and the encouragement given me by your own never failing support.

Such mutual co-operation cannot fail to secure the best possible good for the children.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE A. STONE

Superintendent of Schools

LIST OF PICTURES AND OTHER GIFTS

HIGH SCHOOL

(The Subjects, Reproductions and Donors' names follow)

Boys with Book, Plaster relief	Picture Fund
Boys with Scroll, Plaster relief	1905 Entertainment
Wm. McKinley, Portrait	
Charles I demanding the five impeached members, Heliotype	Class of '98

LIBRARY

Franklin before Lords in Council, Engraving	Class of '71
Amalfi, Turner print	Class of '07
Stratford on Avon, Turner print	Class of '07
Adieux d' Hector a Andromaque, Engraving	Class of '82
Judgment of Paris, Plaster shield	R. H. S. Alumni Asso.
Shield of Achilles, Plaster shield	R. H. S. Alumni Asso.
Lorenzo de Medici, Statue and pedestal	R. H. S. Alumni Asso.
Japanese Pottery	R. H. S. Alumni Asso.
Drapery of Alcove	R. H. S. Alumni Asso.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Theodore Roosevelt, Portrait	Mr. Charles H. Marston
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RECEPTION ROOM

First Railway Train, Etching	Mrs. Charles H. Marston
Mount Vernon, Hand-tinted photograph	Miss Clara Pierce
Shakespeare, Bust	Class of '72

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Venice, Etching	Miss Ella M. Pinkham
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TEACHERS' ROOM

Miss Frances Willard, Portrait	
Spanish Maiden, Photograph	Class of '83
Girl with Fan, Photograph	Class of '83

ROOM 1

H. W. Longfellow, Bust	Class of '85
Daniel Webster, Bust	Mr. Hiram Barrus

ROOM 2

Pharaoh's Horses, Heliotype	Class of '05
Roman Forum, Photograph	Classes of '92 and '93
Coliseum, Photograph	Classes of '92 and '93
Arch of Triumph, Photograph	Classes of '92 and '93

ROOM 3

H. W. Longfellow, Portrait	Class of '88
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ROOM 4

Aurora, Engraving	Class of '77
Mendelssohn, Portrait	Proceeds of Concert
Sunrise at Sea, Oil painting	Class of '78

WEST CORRIDOR (SECOND FLOOR)

Wm. Cullen Bryant, Portrait	Class of '96
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EAST CORRIDOR (SECOND FLOOR)

J. G. Whittier, Portrait	Class of '96
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ROOM 7

Return of Mayflower, Engraving	Class of '79
Christ and the Fishermen, Carbon photograph	Spelling Match Prize

ASSEMBLY HALL

Apollo with Lyre, Statue and pedestal	Reading Woman's Club
The Arno, Florence, Turner print	Reading Woman's Club
Grand Canal, Venice, Turner print	Reading Woman's Club
Ruins of Temple, Turner print	Adden & Parker, Architects
Berlin Victory, Statue and pedestal	Highland School, Class of '06

ROOM 8

J. R. Lowell, Portrait	Class of '88
Columbus, Portrait	Mr. F. E. Whittemore
Queen Elizabeth, Engraving	Class of '80

ROOM A

Lake Maggiore, Chromo	Class of '67
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ROOM 9

Ely Cathedral, Solar enlargement	1897 Picture Fund
N. Hawthorne, Portrait	Class of '88

DRAWING ROOM

Minerva, Statue	Class of '73
Arab's Head, Portrait study	Mr. Willard P. Adden

BIOLOGY ROOM

Agassiz, Bust	Class of '74
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COMMERCIAL ROOM

Mount Vernon, Solar enlargement	Faneuil Hall Chapter, D. A. R.
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CORRIDOR (THIRD FLOOR)

Milton, Bust	Class of '72
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RECITATION ROOMS

Landscape, Chromo	Class of '70
Landscape, Chromo	

ADDITIONAL GIFTS

Walnut Bookcase	Class of '75
Clock	Class of '76
Portrait of Mr. C. A. Cole	Class of '81
Books for Library	Class of '86
Books for Library	Class of '87
Books for Library	Class of '89
Books for Library	Class of '90
Latin and French Lexicons	Class of '91
Revolving Bookcase	Class of '94
Album for Photographs	Class of '95
Physical Apparatus	Class of '98
Fortitude, Statue	Mr. Geo. E. Abbott
Lion of Lucerne, Solar enlargement	(Missing)
History of U. S.—Woodrow Wilson, 5 vols.	Mr. Jacob Mitchell
Great Events by Famous Historians, 20 vols.	R. H. S. Alumni Asso.
The World's Famous Orations, 10 vols.	Melville A. Stone
Masters of Art, Book	Picture Fund
Thackeray, 20 vols.	Mrs. Oscar Stevens
Our Country—Lossing, 8 vols.	D. A. R.
Maps for History Dept.	D. A. R.

HIGHLAND SCHOOL

MURAL DECORATIONS

ENTRANCE AND FIRST FLOOR CORRIDOR

The Jungfrau, Solar print	The School
Washington's Farewell, Engraving	From the old schoolroom
Old Abe, the War Eagle, Pastel	The School
Bust of Washington, Plaster	Mr. H. G. Wadlin
Bust of Lincoln, Plaster	Mr. H. G. Wadlin
Landscape, Baryto print	Art Fund, 1897
Temple of Honor, Photograph	Mr. Fred Hatch
Declaration of Independence, Print in fac simile	Art Fund, 1897
Relief, Parthenon Frieze Detail, Plaster	Art Fund, 1897
Four Japanese Vases	Prize won by Room 4, 1905
Two Old Army Friends, Colored lithograph	Mr. J. B. Lewis, Jr.

EAST STAIRCASE

Mount Vernon, Solar print	Art Fund, 1897
Statue, Revere on Horse, Plaster	Class of '05

WEST STAIRCASE

Statue, The Minute Man, Plaster	The School
Majesty, A Lion, Photograph	Mr. G. L. Parker

SECOND FLOOR CORRIDOR

Portrait of Webster, Solar print	Class of '97
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ASSEMBLY HALL

The Capitol, Washington, Solar print	Mrs. Samuel Pierce
Castle of San Angelo, Solar print	Mr. W. S. Parker
Haarlem, Colored photogravure	Class of '03
Stratford-on-Avon, Etching	Class of '03
Footlights for Stage	Class of '04
Nike of Samothrace, statue	Miss Annie Parker, Mrs. C. E. Hussey
Statue, Diana, Plaster	Class of '01
Bust of Wagner, plaster	Class of '93
Bust of Agassiz, Plaster	Class of '06
Bust of Longfellow, Plaster	Class of '06

Relief, Aurora, Plaster	Class of '01
Relief, Trumpeters, Plaster	Class of '99
Relief, Drummers, Plaster	Class of '02

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Square of St. Marks, Colored photo	Miss A. M. Pearson, Mrs. J. B. Lewis, 3rd
A Lion, Baryto print	Art Fund, '97

TEACHERS' OFFICE

Saint Cecilia, Heliotype	Mrs. Ramsay
Old Wharf, Martha's Vineyard, Water color	Miss Annie B. Parker
Christ and the Fishermen, Baryto print	Art Fund, '97
Church, Stoke Poges, Bromide print	Art Fund, '97

CLASS ROOMS — ROOM 1

Bust of Beethoven, Plaster	Pupils in Room 1, '02
Relief, Lion's Head, Plaster	Pupils in Room 1, '01
Relief, Boys' Heads, Plaster	Pupils in Room 1, '01
Statue, Hebe, Plaster	Pupils in Room 1, '07
Oxen Plowing, Heliotype	Pupils in Room 1, '02
The Song of the Lark, Heliotype	Pupils in Room 1, '02
The Balloon, Colored print	Pupils in Room 1, '01
Portrait of Rubins, Prang print	Art Funds of '97
John Alden and Priscilla, Photogravure	Mrs. Wm. Carter

ROOM 2

Stuart's Washington, Photogravure	Class of '97
Christ and the Young Ruler, Bromide print	Art Fund, '97
By the River, Solar print	Art Fund, '97
The Windmill, Carbon photo	Prize won by pupils in Room 2, '03

ROOM 3

Reading from Homer, Photogravure	Miss A. Barrows
An Arab, Heliotype	Miss A. Barrows
The Deer Pass, Engraving	Miss A. Barrows
Dance of the Nymphs, Carbon photo	Class of '00
Busts of Brutus and Caesar, Photograph	Mr. Fred Hatch
Pilgrims Going to Church, Turner print	Class of '07
Relief, Flight of Night, Plaster	Class of '06

ROOM 4

Haunt of the Sea Mew, Photogravure	Class of '03
Sir Galahad, Carbon photo	Class of '00
On the Heath, Photogravure	Class of '98
Roman Forum, Prang print	Mrs. Laura Campbell
An Ocean Greyhound, Heliotype	Mr. Amsden
Relief, Alexander Frieze, Plaster	Class of '06
Relief, Dancing Cherubs, Plaster	Class of '07

ROOM 5

Rural Music, Solar print	Pupils in Room 5, '03
The Nativity, Solar print	Pupils in Room 5, '04
Statuette, Meditation, Plaster	Class in Room 5, '05
Cliff Dwellings, Photograph	Mrs. Trine
End of Day, Turner print	Class of '07
Castle of Chillon, Turner print	Class of '07
Relief, Dancing Cherubs, Plaster	Pupils in Room 5, '05

ROOM 6

Stag at Bay, Engraving	The School
The Shepherdess, Solar print	Art Fund, 1897
Penelope Boothby, Bromide print	Art Fund, 1903
King Charles Spaniels, Carbon photo	Art Fund, 1903
Children of the Shell, Bromide print	Art Fund, 1897

ROOM 7

Madonna of the Chair, Carbon photo	Art Fund, 1897
Departure of Mayflower, Artotype	Art Fund, 1897
The Horse Fair, Artotype	Pupils in Room 7
The Gleaners, Carbon photo	Art Fund, 1897
Relief, Horses of Diomedes, Plaster	Art Fund, 1903

ROOM 8

Brittany Sheep, Photogravure	School
Caravel of Columbus, Lithograph, colored	Art Fund, 1897
The Hunt, Engraving	Mrs. Fred Hatch
Breaking Home Ties, Photogravure	Art Fund, 1903
Lone Wolf's Vigil, Heliotype	Art Fund, 1897
On the Beach, Baryto print	Art Fund, 1897
Relief, The North Wind, Plaster	Pupils of Room 8

ROOM 9

Spirit of '76, Turner print	Art Fund, 1903
Niagara Falls, Baryto print	Art Fund, 1907
Pilgrims in Exile, Artotype	Art Fund, 1897
Cave Dwelling, Photograph	Mrs. Trine
Relief, Vintage, Plaster	School

ROOM 10

Sistine Madonna, Carbon photo (Detail)	Art Fund, 1897
At the Watering Place, Solar print	Art Fund
Pyramids and Palms, Solar print	The School
Sunset Glow, Carbon photo	Art Fund, 1903
The Reapers, Baryto print	Art Fund, 1897

(The total cost of this collection is more than thirteen hundred dollars)

MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

Books	Donors
Library of Animal Stories, 22 vols.	Unknown Friend
Young People's Library of Literature, 20 vols.	Class of '04
Collection of History, Biography and Poetry, 30 vols.	Class of '05
Works of Eugene Field, 12 vols.	Miss Barrows
Stoddard's Lectures, 13 vols.	Balch Bros., Pub.
Science and Health, 1 vol.	Sunday School Class, Christian Science
Encyclopedic Dictionary, 4 vols.	Pupils in Room 1, '00
Stories of Life and Industry, 4 vols.	Pupils in Room 8, '02
Total, 106 vols.	

OBJECTS FOR ILLUSTRATIVE USE

Seventy-five specimens of our hardy trees, with carefully prepared sections and life-history of each tree	Mr. Daniel Desmond
Six Stereoscopes	
Views of Yosemite Valley	Class of '05
Views of Yellowstone Park	Class of '05
Views of Grand Canon, Arizona	Class of '05
Views of Niagara Falls	Class of '05
Mexican Stone Bowl, for grinding corn	Mrs. Lucy Barrows Tyng
Cabinet of Charts for Nature Study	The School

Furniture

Chiffonier	The School
Library Table	Pupils in Room 2
Bookcase	Class of '04
Bookcase	Class of '05
Curio Cabinet	Pupils in Room 10
Curio Cabinet	The School
Sewing Machine	Class of '07
Eighteen hundred Perry Pictures	The School
(Mounted for study in the classrooms)	
Silk Flag	Woman's Relief Corps, 1902
Silk Flag	Woman's Relief Corps, 1907
Large School Flag	Mr. Lovejoy
Piano, a Parlor Grand	Efforts of the School

CENTER SCHOOL

ROOM 1

Mother and Child, Plaster medallion	Proceeds of lecture, 1902
Feeding her Birds, Solar enlargement	Proceeds of lecture, 1902
Baby Stuart, Heliotype	1897 Picture Fund

ROOM 2

"Can't you walk?" Engraving	Fund
Angel Heads, Photograph	
Pharoah's Horses, Photograph	

ROOM 4

Golden Autumn Days, Turner print	1903 Picture Fund
Sheep, Baryto print	

ROOM 3

Children of the Shell, Turner print	1903 Picture Fund
Mother and Child, Photograph	

UNION STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

ROOM 1

Fog Warning, Turner print	Picture Fund, 1903
Bringing Home Christmas Firewood, Color print	
Anxiety, Carbon photograph	Picture Fund, 1897
Jersey, Artotype	

ROOM 2

"Wait a Minute," Turner print	Picture Fund, 1903
In the Meadow, Photograph	Picture Fund, 1897
St. Anthony of Padua, Photograph	Picture Fund, 1897

HALL

Cupids Singing, I, Plaster cast	Picture Fund, 1903
Cupids Singing, II, Plaster cast	

ROOM 3

Helping Hand, Solar enlargement	Picture Fund, 1897
Return to the Farm, Turner print	Picture Fund, 1903
Odin, Artotype	

ROOM 4

Children of Charles I, Turner print	Picture Fund, 1903
Three Little Kittens, Color print	
Longfellow in His Study, Engraving	
Springtime, Solar enlargement	Miss Grace M. Wakefield and class
School in Brittany, Prang reproduction	Picture Fund, 1897

PROSPECT STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

ROOM 1

Distinguished Member of the Humane Society, Turner print	
	Picture Fund, 1903
Thoroughbred, Artotype	
Brittany Sheep, Engraving	School
Come Back Soon, Artotype	
No Thoroughfare, Artotype	
Venice, Colored photograph	Picture Fund, 1897

HALL

Singing Cupids (detail), Plaster relief Fund

ROOM 2

Trust, Artotype
 Feeding Her Birds, Carbon photograph Picture Fund, 1897
 "Want to See Wheels go Wound," Artotype
 Girl with Cat, Turner print Picture Fund, 1897
 New Lodgers, Artotype

LOWELL STREET SCHOOL

Cat and Kittens at Play, Turner print Picture Fund, 1903
 Mother and Child, Carbon photograph Picture Fund, 1897
 Summer Evening, Baryto print
 Landscape with Sheep, Reproduction of crayon
 Miss Bessie Parker and class

CHESTNUT HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kittens in Hat, Turner print Picture Fund, 1903
 Christ and the Doctors, Turner print Picture Fund, 1897
 Sheep in Brittany, Baryto print
 Ploughing, Turner print Picture Fund, 1903
 Gleaners, Baryto print
 Alderney, Heliotype
 The Little Anglers, Heliotype
 Portrait of Washington, Heliotype
 Dignity and Impudence, Solar enlargement Picture Fund, 1897
 School in Brittany, Prang reproduction
 Miss Jessie S. Dyer and class
 Sistine Madonna, Photograph Miss Jessie S. Dyer and class
 "Can't You Walk?" Artotype
 See-Saw, Artotype

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER

FROM JAN. 1, 1907, TO OCT., 1907

To the Superintendent :

Number of absences reported to me from Jan. 1 to Oct.	46
Number found to be truancy	25
Number reported by parents as ill	8
Number found insufficiently clad	5
Number over 14	3
Number leaving town	2
Number kept out by parents to work or otherwise	10
Number returned to school	42

A. A. SMITH

Truant Officer to October

FROM SEPT. 10, 1907, TO JAN. 1, 1908

To the Superintendent :

Number of absences reported to me	24
Number found to be truancy	12
Number reported by parents as ill	6
Number insufficiently clad	3
Number kept at home by parents to work	3
Number taken to school	10
Number returned to school	14

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM KIDDER

Truant Officer

..Graduation..



1907

READING HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE TWENTY-SIXTH

PROGRAM

Prayer

REV. W. C. MYERS

Singing—"The Great Jehovah" (From Joshua) Handel

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

1 The Universal Language (Salutatory)

MARION E. WALSH

2 A Gentle Pirate

ARTHUR GOULD WINSHIP

3 A Famine-Stricken Nation

ETTA M. DOYLE

Singing of Class Ode by 1907

Words by Henry G. Mullarky

Music by Bertha D. Lee and Violet B. Robinson

4 Motor Boats

GENEVIEVE BOSSON

5 A Pioneer Republic

J. LOUIS EISENHAURE

6 The Freedom of the Press

C. EDITH BUCKLE

Singing — "Sweet Star of Eve Arise" Wrighton

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

7 An old Issue Reopened

IRVING C. AUSTIN

8 Sculptors of Immortal Clay (Valedictory)

VIOLET B. ROBINSON

Singing—"The Heavens are Telling" (From the Creation) Haydn

Presentation of Diplomas

Walter S. Parker, Chairman of School Committee

Benediction

REV. E. B. MARSHALL

Musical Director

Accompanists

LEON R. MAXWELL ASUNTA MICHELINI, '07, MARION E. WALSH, '07

Class Motto: Omnia possibilia valenti

GRADUATES

COLLEGE COURSE

Malcolm Rodney Buck	Violet Brookhouse Robinson
John Louis Eisenhaure	Marion Emblein Walsh
Arthur Gould Winship	

SCIENTIFIC COURSE

Charles Curtis Adams	Irving Claire Austin
Sumner Clarence Whittier	

NORMAL COURSE

Bernice Ardelle Batchelder

GENERAL COURSE

Leonard Gardiner Bartlett	Hollis Ober Marshall
Arthur Mastin Batchelder	Ellen Theresa McGarry
Genevieve Bosson	Asunta Michelini
Catherine Edith Blanche Buckle	Henry Giddings Mullarky
Timothy Canty	Bella Corrie Muse
Agnes Cecelia Connolly	John James O'Brien
Mary Louise Cullinane	Jennie Frances Parker
Annie May Davis	Marion Amelia Perry
Etta May Doyle	Joseph Francis Quinlain
William Leonard Esterberg	Donald Ramsay
Gertrude Annie Granfield	Rachel Bryant Smith
Dotty May Hodson	Helen Edith Stewart
Francis Johnson	Ethel Blanche Turner
Lealia Ada Jones	Florence Annie Turner
Annie Clara Killam	Carrie Upton
Bertha Dora Lee	Nelson Raymond Weston
Hazel Louise Wilcox	

GRADUATING CLASS OF THE HIGHLAND SCHOOL, JUNE, 1907

Abbott, Kingman	Leach, Edwin L.
Adams, Mary H.	Leavis, Ruth O.
Atkinson, Wm. W.	Leavitt, Ernest R.
Baldwin, Arthur G.	Loring, Kimball A.
Bird, Ruth H.	MacMonagle, Alice
Black, Helene A.	Manning, Ruth
Boyers, Frederick E.	Martin, Helen S.
Bruorton, John R.	McIntire, Arthur
Buck, Lawrence C.	McKay, Raymond
Butters, Andrew B.	Nichols, Hilda C.
Butters, Nellie	O'Connell, Grace E.
Cass, Harold	Parker, Elmer F.
Connelly, Gertrude	Perkins, Mildred
Cook, Sarah L.	Phelps, Frances E.
Curtis, Walter A.	Richardson, Gordon
Danforth, Harold	Sawyer, Frank A.
Davies, Gile	Smith, Alice
Day, James E.	Stembridge, Stanley
DeMerritt, Robert E.	Stratton, Charles
Fairbanks, Forrester	Strout, Mabel M.
Flint, Clarence E.	Swasey, Wm. H.
Freeman, Pauline	Thorburn, Ruth
Gauley, Catherine	Trenholm, Millard
Gilman, Edgar	Tuttle, Norman A.
Grover, Ernest E.	Wadsworth, George
Herbolzheimer, Robert E.	Webb, Wm. P.
Herbolzheimer, Louis	Welsh, Frank W.
Heselton, Arthur W.	White, Harold E.
Holmes, Henry J.	Whitehouse, Mira
Horton, Gladys B.	Whittaker, Robert L.
Jacobs, A. Lillian	Whitton, Edward
Jenkins, Louise B.	Willis, Gladys
Lancaster, Ina	Zwicker, Millard I.

ELLIOT STREET	East side, north corner Green
FEDERAL STREET	North side, near house of Wm. B. Jeffery
FRANKLIN STREET	North side, east corner Pearl North side, near house of W. D. Emerson North side, opposite house of Henry Cook West side, opposite house of C. W. Nelson West side, opposite house of Fannie C. Nichols West side, near house of Geo. Parker Est. East side, opposite house of Asa Parker
FREMONT STREET	North side, east corner Berkley
GRAND STREET	East side, near house of T. J. Babcock
GREEN STREET	North side, near house No. 16, C. H. Mellen Est. North side, opposite house of F. McKenney
GROVE STREET	West side, near house of A. D. Prichard West side, near house of J. C. Macomber West side, opposite Forest
HANCOCK STREET	West side, near house of John Murray
HAVEN STREET	North side, east corner Chute North side, opposite Gould South side, opposite Linden South side, opposite Sanborn North side, opposite Elliot
HAVERHILL STREET	West side, north corner Wakefield West side, near house of E. O. Carey West side, south corner Charles West side, south of house of Wm. Taylor West side, north of house of Chas. M. Harrison West side, corner Franklin
HIGH STREET	East side, south corner Mt. Vernon East side, opposite house of J. A. Bancroft East side, opposite Mineral East side, opposite Highland Avenue
HIGHLAND STREET	West side, near house of Willard Kempton West side, south corner Locust
HOWARD STREET	South side, west corner private way

JOHN STREET	West side, corner Pleasant West side, corner Haven
KING STREET	South side, opposite house of Geo. F. Gilman
LINDEN STREET	East side, opposite Home for Aged Women
LOWELL STREET	South side, west corner Sanborn North side, east corner Bancroft Avenue South side, east corner Willow South side, opposite house of E. W. Harris South side, opposite house of C. M. Barrows
MAIN STREET	West side, south corner Pearl West side, south corner Franklin West side, near house of A. G. Nichols West side, north of house of H. E. Nichols West side, opposite house of C. I. Nesmith West side, north corner Forest West side, opposite house of G. D. Putnam West side, north of house of A. L. Chapman
MAIN STREET	West side, near house of E. Stanniford Est. West side, south corner Locust West side, opposite Charles West side, north corner Salem West side, south point of Common East side, in front of Elmwood Hotel East side, near Y. M. C. A. Building West side, south corner Green West side, north side of R. R. crossing West side, opposite Avon West side, opposite Cross West side, south corner Summer Ave. West side, north corner Hopkins West side, north corner South
MAPLE STREET	East side, near house of Geo. E. Lang
MIDDLESEX AVENUE	South side, east corner Deering
MIDDLESEX AVENUE EXT.	North side, near house of Albion Benton

- MILL STREET South side, opposite Pumping Station
- MINERAL STREET North side, east corner Vine
North side, east corner Hancock
North side, east corner Summer Ave.
- MINOT STREET West side, between Washington and Sweetser Ave.
West side, between Warren Ave. and Center Ave.
West side, near Park Ave.
- MT. VERNON STREET North side, opposite Chute
- OAK STREET North side, west corner Prospect
North side, opposite house of E. L. Coombs
- ORANGE STREET South side, east corner Belmont
- PARK AVENUE North side, near house of Wm. Carney
- PARKER STREET East side, near central fire station
- PEARL STREET East side, south corner Thorndike
East side, south corner Charles
East side, opposite house of Mary Bunker
East side, near house of A. B. Melvin
East side, opposite Forest
- PIERCE STREET West side, south corner Orange
- PLEASANT STREET North side, west corner Middle
- PRESCOTT STREET North side opposite Turner Wagon Co.
North side, west corner Arlington
North side, west corner Washington
North side, east corner Pratt
- PROSPECT STREET West side, near house of John A. Boyd
West side, north corner King
West side, near house of E. H. Palmer

PROSPECT STREET EXT.

East side, opposite house of Clara Skinner

SALEM STREET

North side, opposite John

North side, near car barns

South side, opposite Pearl

North side, west corner Belmont

North side, west corner Pine

SCOTLAND ROAD

South side, opposite house of H. E. Boothby

SUMMER AVENUE

West side, south of King

West side, near house of C. A. Loring

West side, opposite Prescott

West side, south corner Scotland Road

West side, north corner Oak

West side, near house of L. A. Ferson

West side, opposite house of W. E. Coney

South side, east corner Hopkins

North side, near house of L. C. Myers

North side, near house of Wm. F. Welch

TEMPLE STREET

North side, near house of A. W. Temple

VILLAGE STREET

East side, north corner Green

WAKEFIELD STREET

North side, east corner Charles

North side, east corner Pearl

WALNUT STREET

North side, near Hopkins

North side, near house of W. S. Parker

North side, opposite Curtis

North side, opposite South

North side, in front of No. 46

WASHINGTON STREET

North side, west corner Ash

STATISTICS TAKEN FROM REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD IN APRIL, 1907, AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS

Sept. 1899	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	832
" 1900	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	853
" 1901	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	890
" 1902	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	915
" 1903	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	967
" 1904	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	938
" 1905	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	972
" 1906	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1022
" 1907	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	997

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 7 AND 14 YEARS

" 1899	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	648
" 1900	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	648
" 1901	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	680
" 1902	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	636
" 1903	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	682
" 1904	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	758
" 1905	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	698
" 1906	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	759
" 1907	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	723

Length of school year, 1906-1907 40 wks.

Number of days lost from stormy days, etc. 15

Actual length of school year 9 mos. 5 dys.

Number of different pupils enrolled for the year ending

June 22, 1906 1211

Average number in each of the twelve grades for first four months
of school year:

YEAR	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Spc.	Tot'l
1899	120	103	102	87	108	75	93	68	56	46	17	23	5	903
1900	127	136	66	107	89	98	66	82	49	37	36	14	0	907
1901	177	102	108	77	105	87	97	64	61	42	28	25	5	978
1902	142	126	90	86	117	98	100	70	56	64	34	21	4	1008
1903	127	114	103	104	86	109	97	93	63	61	53	31	9	1050
1904	129	131	116	116	95	91	109	86	79	60	53	54	4	1123
1905	129	118	130	124	105	104	88	100	85	76	45	48	4	1156
1906	118	129	109	127	120	100	93	100	88	72	63	42	5	1166
1907	120	110	150	114	123	109	96	110	78	82	58	50	6	1212

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR WHEN FIRST APPOINTED

ALSO ENROLLMENT FOR FOUR MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 20, 1907

School	Grade	Teachers	Where Educated	Year First Appointed	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Cases of Dismissal
High.....	Special 6	H. T. Watkins, M. A., Master.....	Colby University.....	1903	\$2200	274	267.9	256.7	95.7	104	84
"	XII	Wm. R. Redden, A. B.....	Bates College.....	1907	1100						
"	50	Natalie A. Smith, A. B.....	Wellesley College.....	1905	700						
"	XI	Mary P. Gordon, A. B.....	MT. Holyoke College.....	1905	700						
"	88	Mary Lerner, A. B.....	Radcliffe College.....	1906	750						
"	X	Alice P. Rand, A. B.....	Bates College.....	1907	550						
"	78	Ruth Buffum, A. B.....	MT. Holyoke College.....	1907	550						
"		L. Lucile Wheeler, A. B.....	MT. Holyoke College.....	1907	550						
"		Mabel A. Hayes, A. B.....	MT. Holyoke College.....	1907	550						
"		Helen B. Flanders, A. B.....	Boston University.....	1907	550						
"		Alice M. Lombard.....	Bay Path Institute.....	1907	550						
Highland.....		Alice Barrows, Prin.....	Bridgewater Normal.....	1880	1000						
"	VIII	Emma S. Page, Ass't Prin.....	N. H. State Normal.....	1899	650	37	34.5	31.8	92.1	10	8
"	VIII	Alice E. Hood.....	Concord, N. H., Training.....	1902	680	38	37.3	34.9	93.3	19	9
"	VIII	Edith A. Estes.....	Gorham Normal.....	1901	575	36	34.2	31.3	91.6	40	13
"	VIII	Fannie C. Whittemore.....	Plymouth, N. H., Hyannis S. S.....	1905	550	49	47.1	34.3	94.1	22	37
"	VII	Annie L. Dolloff.....	Tufts College.....	1906	500	47	45.1	42.2	92.9	50	13
"	VI	Lavinia C. Cairns.....	Lowell Normal.....	1907	500	47	45.2	41.9	92.6	39	17
"	VI	Anna M. Reck.....	Boston University.....	1907	500	42	40.6	37.4	91.9	63	46
"	VI-V	Julia A. Floyd.....	Lowell Normal (Special).....	1907	500	46	43.9	40.3	92.3	60	15
"	V	Edna H. Dyer.....	Gorham Normal.....	1907	500	45	43.1	40.3	92.3	29	39
"	V-IV	Bessie M. Parker.....	Salem Normal.....	1905	425	48	46.9	43.3	92.3	29	22
Center.....	III	M. Grace Wakefield, Prin.....	Salem Normal.....	1890	550	46	44.5	41.9	94.3	16	15
"	IV	Annie L. Donovan.....	Bridgewater Normal.....	1907	450	44	42	38.9	92.6	21	52
"	III	Edna F. Wood.....	North Adams Normal.....	1907	400	47	46.1	42.8	92.4	32	9
Union St.....	III	Ethel M. Flanders.....	Salem Normal.....	1905	400	46	44.9	42.7	94.8	17	5
"	III	Florence F. Babcock, Prin.....	Westfield Normal.....	1905	550	41	37.6	33.9	89.5	29	45
"	III-II	Endora W. Gould.....	Reading High School.....	1907	450	42	39.9	37.7	94.1	22	10
"	II	Anna F. Reid.....	Reading High School.....	1884	425	42	39.5	36.4	91.5	16	13
"	I	Marion H. Morgan.....	Bridgewater Normal.....	1904	475	38	34.7	30.9	89.1	43	1
Prospect St.....	IV-III	Margaret C. Duncan.....	Worcester Normal.....	1903	500	43	40.9	38.2	93	25	43
"	I-I	Hortense F. Small.....	Newburyport Training.....	1907	400	41	40	36.3	90.5	43	12
"	I-II-III..	Lulu C. Colby.....	Newburyport Training.....	1907	400	40	37.1	34.4	92.4	50	5
Chestnut Hill.....	I-II-III-IV	Gertrude B. Carter.....	Winchester Training.....	1907	400	29	24.6	21.3	87.6	7	13

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriations :

General, for Superintendent, teachers, janitors and fuel	\$28,000 00
Incidentals, books and supplies	5,000 00
Received for services of H. S. janitor	240 00
Received refund on bills	6 05
Received telephone tolls	2 63
Received for tuition	1,792 69
Received fines on damaged books	5 75
Received fines on desks and buildings	1 40
Received for materials sold	19 19
	<hr/> \$35,067 71

EXPENDITURES

Paid for teachers, janitors and fuel	\$27,681 06
Paid incidental expenses	3,705 46
Paid for books and supplies	2,037 62
Paid Superintendent of Schools	973 33
Transportation	570 00
Truant Officer	40 00
Total expenses	<hr/> \$35,067 47
Balance	24
General appropriation	\$28,000 00
Transferred from Incidentals account	1,324 33
	<hr/> \$29,324 39
Paid Superintendent	\$973 33
Paid teachers	21,289 75
Paid janitors	2,843 00
Paid fuel	3,648 31
Paid transportation	570 00
	<hr/> \$29,324 39

Appropriation for incidentals, supplies				
and insurance	\$5,000	00		
Received for tuition	1,792	69		
Received refund on bill	6	05		
Received for services of H. S. janitor	240	00		
Received telephone tolls	2	63		
Received fines on damaged books	5	75		
Received fines on desks and buildings	1	40		
Received for materials sold	19	19		
				<hr/>
				\$7,067 71
Paid to general account	\$1,324	39		
Paid incidental expenses	3,665	46		
Paid Truant Officer	40	00		
Paid for books and supplies	2,037	62		
				<hr/>
				\$7,067 47
				<hr/>
Unexpended balance				24

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools, Melville A. Stone \$973 33

HIGH SCHOOL

Harry T. Watkins	\$2,100	00
E. N. Babcock	262	50
Wm. R. Redden	839	98
Jennie F. Currier	168	75
Jennie E. Wier	487	50
Edith R. Clapp	450	00
Mary P. Gordon	682	50
Helen P. Abbott	360	00
Natalie A. Smith	559	50
Alice M. Grover	322	88
Mary Lerner	660	00
Isabel H. Coombs	300	00

Helen B. Flanders	191 88	
Alice P. Rand	338 12	
L. Lucille Wheeler	206 25	
Ruth Buffum	206 25	
Mabel A. Hayes	206 25	
Alice M. Lombard	206 25	
Ethel Leighton	23 63	
Beatrice Springer	89 38	
		<hr/> \$8,661 62

HIGHLAND SCHOOL

Alice Barrows	\$975 00	
Emma S. Page	632 75	
Alice E. Hood	581 63	
Edith A. Estes	545 63	
Leonora W. Goodsoe	270 00	
Annie L. Dolloff	484 69	
Delia M. Holman	270 00	
Mary L. Reid	270 00	
Agnes S. Ordnung	120 00	
Annie M. Reck	225 06	
Harriett M. Foster	255 00	
Fannie C. Whittemore	461 25	
Ethel M. Burrington	61 75	
Lavinia C. Cairns	178 12	
Edna F. Wood	120 00	
Bessie M. Parker	159 38	
Edna H. Dyer	162 50	
Julia A. Floyd	87 50	
Emma Bird	15 57	
		<hr/> \$5,875 83

CENTER SCHOOL

M. Grace Wakefield	\$491 25	
Edith A. Wright	276 09	
Nellie S. Batchelder	361 50	

Ethel M. Flanders	.	.	.	.	.	388	50
Edna F. Wood	.	.	.	.	.	30	00
Gertrude B. Carter	.	.	.	.	.	8	91
Annie L. Donovan	.	.	.	.	.	168	75
							<hr/> \$1,725 00

UNION STREET SCHOOL

Florence E. Babcock	\$504 37
Anna P. Reid	414 38
Marion H. Morgan	459 56
Myra K. Parker	352 13
Helen Parker	1 00
Mary Wiley	4 88
Louise Gardner	1 68
Zita Fegan	50 00
Eudora W. Gould	33 75
	<hr/> \$1,821 75

PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL

Margaret C. Duncan	\$472 50	
Clara B. Wright	157 50	
Carrie L. Wyman	127 60	
Hortense F. Small	168 75	
	<hr/>	\$926 35

LOWELL STREET SCHOOL

Bessie M. Parker	.	.	.	.	.	\$240 00	
Lulu C. Colby	.	.	.	.	.	137 00	
Louise W. Gardner	.	.	.	.	.	17 32	
						<u> </u>	\$394 32

CHESTNUT HILL SCHOOL

Helen R. Flett	.	.	.	.	.	\$240 00
Gertrude B. Carter	.	.	.	.	.	150 00
						<hr/> \$390 00

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Annie B. Parker, drawing	\$423 75	
Kate Farlin, sewing	75 00	
Frances K. Dolley, sewing	40 63	
W. Firth Eastwood, manual training . .	468 00	
Leon R. Maxwell, music	487 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,494 88

JANITORS

Clement Gleason	\$900 00	
William Killam	710 00	
Robert Powers	150 00	
William Kidder	412 50	
Mrs. Ara Pratt	315 00	
Timothy Cummings	117 00	
Oscar Rounds	58 50	
Chas. F. Bessom	30 00	
Benj. Hartshorn	17 50	
Priscilla Gleason	97 50	
J. W. Saunders	25 00	
Wendell C. Black	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,843 00

FUEL

Bancroft, Wendell & Co.	\$2,880 03	
Barrows, H. C.	6 00	
Boston & Maine R. R.	258 76	
Eames, J. H.	6 50	
Nelson, C. W.	40 50	
Parker, Asa	36 60	
Rounds, Oscar	4 00	
Shackford, G. A.	66 04	
The Russell Co.	338 88	
Upton, Henry A.	11 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,648 31

TRANSPORTATION

Borthwick Bros.	\$288 00	
Boston & Northern St. Ry. Co.	282 00	
	<hr/>	\$570 00

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Allen Shade Holder Co.	\$36 39
American Express Co.	32 45
American Painting & Decorating Co.	2 85
American Seating Co.	1 80
Austin, H. K.	75
Babb, E. E. & Co.	34 05
Badger, W. B. & Co.	8 00
Baird, A. F.	7 50
Bancroft, Lewis M.	39 20
Bancroft, Wendell & Co.	64 67
Bond, Mrs. J. S.	1 00
Bosson, Harry P.	18 00
Brooks, A. P.	3 50
Carpenter-Morton Co.	15 40
Chandler & Barber	2 79
Clapp, R. D.	66 76
Cook, A. S. & Co.	4 87
Cook, W. F.	147 31
Cummings, T. J.	13 00
Ditson, Oliver, Co.	2 25
Edgerley & Bessom	2 50
Farquhar's, John, Sons	282 00
Fife, T. C.	51 36
Foster, F. W. Mfg. Co.	18 60
Francis Bros.	154 37
Franklin, Albert B.	45 60
Gill, Geo. E.	35 79
Gleason, Clement	2 00
Gleason, J. W.	9 00

Hanscom, E. C.	30 00
Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co.	85
Holt, Edith F.	2 00
Hoyt-Martin Co.	4 25
Jeffrey, W. B. & Sons	3 00
Johnson, H. R.	54 22
Jordan, Marsh Co.	4 00
Kempton, W. H.	8 96
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	2 00
Ladd, Frederick A.	9 00
Library Bureau	75
MacDonald, F. G.	7 38
Merrill, F. D.	1 75
Metcalf, E. C.	4 08
Miller, Henry F. & Sons, piano	12 00
Morss & White Co., grill guards	24 00
Municipal Light Board	3 50
Murphy, J. A.	4 50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	123 50
Osol, Henry	14 00
Park, H. L.	321 15
Parker, F. H. & Son	100 14
Peoples' Gas & Electric Co.	44 49
Pierce, Geo. E.	3 00
Pratt, Mrs. Ara	14 65
Prentiss & Viall	1,036 78
Reading Police Department	8 00
Reading Water Works	198 61
Remington Typewriter Co.	2 55
Rounds, Oscar	2 00
Sennett, F. S.	3 00
Smith, A. A.	80 00
Stone, Melville A.	138 43
Studley, Edward H.	10 75
Surette, A. M.	24 05
The Standard Electric Line Co.	2 50

Thorp & Martin Co.	5 25
Turner, J. E. Wagon Co.	21 85
Twombly, W. E. & J. F.	164 46
Typewriter Exchange	41 80
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	2 40
Wakefield Daily Item	1 25
Ward, Samuel Co.	6 00
Weston, Nelson R.	2 00
Whittier, Sumner C.	3 00
Wightman, Wm. H.	31 50
	<hr/> \$3,705 46

SUPPLIES ACCOUNT

Allyn & Bacon	3 97
American Book Co.	115 29
Appleton, D. & Co.	6 00
Atkinson, Geo. H. Co.	29 26
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover	266 85
Babb, E. E. & Co.	308 87
Baird, A. F.	21 83
Barnard, F. J. & Co.	99 97
Beattie Zinc Works Co.	1 25
Bent, L. G.	9 12
Bradley, Milton Co.	119 49
Carter, Rice & Co.	12 65
Chandler & Barber	54
Charles, M. F.	4 75
Chase, C. L. & Son	1 65
Cook, A. S. & Co.	5 05
Dallman, H. I.	51 00
Dimond, H. C.	1 00
Ditson, Oliver Co.	4 60
Dodd, Mead Co.	40 00
Eagle Pencil Co.	65 35
Eimer & Amend	49 83
Francis Bros.	14 78

Ginn & Co.	215 63
Greenough, W. S. & Co.	2 08
Gregg Publishing Co.	87
Hammett, J. L. Co.	20 81
Haynor, Norman C. Co.	34 00
Heath, D. C. & Co.	36 42
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	20 21
King, George F. & Co.	6 00
Knott, L. E. Apparatus Co.	40 23
Ludlam, Chas.	2 75
Orient Mfg. Co.	51 45
Sanborn, Benj. H. & Co.	15 50
Schoenhoff Book Co.	5 65
Scribner's, Chas. Sons	21 20
Silver, Burdett & Co.	75 72
Spon-Chamberlain	1 00
Stone, Melville A.	5 97
Talbot Chemical Co.	15 00
Thompson, Brown & Co.	11 25
Thorp & Martin	1 70
Turner, J. E. Wagon Co.	167 36
Typewriter Exchange	27 30
Van Nostrand, D. Co.	1 23
Willis, W. H.	2 90
Winchester, Geo. A.	11 35
Wood, W. A.	10 00
Ward, Samuel Co.	8 49

 \$2,037 62

THIRTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Electric
Light Commissioners
For the Year Ending December 31
1907

OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

GEORGE L. FLINT, Chairman	.	.	Term expires 1909
FRANK W. WILLIS, Secretary	.	.	Term expires 1908
WILLIAM C. BUCK	.	.	Term expires 1910

Manager

JOSIAH CROSBY NORCROSS

OFFICE: Room 9, Masonic Block

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

CASH ACCOUNT, 1907

DR.

January 1, to balance		\$851 87
To refund, overpayment Electric Goods Mfg. Co.		40 16
To appropriation	\$7,240 00	
To appropriation for Commissioners' salaries	225 00	
To appropriation for Superintendent's salary	1,000 00	
		<u>\$8,465 00</u>

To Receipts from Customers :

Commercial light	\$5,879 37	
Domestic light	9,126 97	
Power	1,657 49	
Meter rents	533 20	
		<u>\$17,197 03</u>

To Sundries Received :

Interest on deposits	\$12 74	
Rental of poles	73 30	
Sale of scrap	328 51	
Sale of lamps	304 44	
Sale of wiring stock	1,486 00	
Refunded on overpayment to Westing- house Electric & Mfg. Co.	135 60	
		<u>\$2,340 59</u>

\$28,894 65

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By Cash paid for Account of Construction :

Electric plant	\$9 65
Lines	3,171 27
Meters	1,047 15
Converters	579 27
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	\$4,807 34

By Cash paid for Account of Maintenance :

Fuel	\$4,707 30
Oil and waste	326 63
Water	234 97
Station wages	4,837 15
Repairs real estate	141 94
Repairs steam plant	269 61
Repairs electric plant	176 72
Station tools and appliances	134 86
Wages, care of lights	120 53
Repair of lines	1,613 62
Carbons	58 31
Incandescent lamps	772 67
Repairs globes	62 88
Distribution tools and appliances	48 61
General salaries	1,534 87
Board expense	17 00
General office expense	585 56
Rents	110 00
Insurance	666 39
Law expenses	9 38
Stable expenses	437 07
Repairs motors	17 15
Salaries Light Board	225 00
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	\$17,108 22
By cash paid for interest	1,440 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$23,355 56

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$23,355 56
By cash paid for wiring stock, motors and fixtures		1,076 31
By cash paid for bonds		2,000 00
By cash paid for office furniture		35 50
By cash paid Town, light acct. refund		50
By cash paid accts. payable Jan. 1, 1907	\$1,889 92	
By cash paid accts. payable, overpaid	135 60	
	<hr/>	2,025 52
By cash paid for Special Committee		11 06
By cash paid Town Treasurer, being Depreciation cash refunded from overpayment		40 16
By Shortage in cash, being sundry errors prior to March 4, 1907		25 25
Rent of poles		13 40
Bills receivable, to correct errors		97
By balance, cash on hand petty cash	\$100 00	
Cash on hand in Town Treasury	187 21	
Cash on hand in bank	23 21	
	<hr/>	310 42
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		\$28,894 65

MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT

DR.

For Manufacturing:

Fuel	\$5,699 29
Oil and waste	241 05
Water	406 03
Station wages	4,837 15
Repairs real estate	322 38
Repairs steam plant	258 43

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>	\$11,764 33
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$11,764 33
Repairs electric plant . . .	49 82
Station tools and appliances . . .	7 69
	<hr/> \$11,821 84

For Distribution :

Wages, care of lights	\$120 53
Repair of lines	1,089 43
Carbons	117 41
Repairs of globes	48 82
	<hr/> \$1,376 19

For Miscellaneous Expenses :

General salaries	\$1,534 87
Board expenses	17 00
General office expenses	591 05
Salaries, Light Board	225 00
Rents	110 00
Insurance	423 52
Law expense	9 38
Stable expense	437 07
Repairs motors	17 15
Rent for poles	13 40
	<hr/> \$3,378 44

Total	\$16,576 47
Profit in manufacturing	1,553 95

\$18,130 42

CR.

By sales of commercial light, less discount . . .	\$5,868 75
By sales of domestic light, less discount . . .	9,270 31
By sales of electric power	1,787 24
Meter rents	560 60
Supplied and charged to Town buildings . . .	570 22
Rent of poles	73 30
	<hr/> \$18,130 42

CONSTRUCTION

Total cost of plant as shown in Town Report of 1906	\$93,106 72
Less depreciation charged off June 30, 1906, included in error	54 22
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Cost of plant, Jan. 1, 1907	\$93,052 50
Electric plant	9 65
Lines	3,287 84
Meters	1,154 35
Converters	579 58
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Amount received for sale of arc lamps	\$98,083 92 10 80
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Total cost of plant Dec. 31, 1907	\$98,073 12

PROFIT AND LOSS CHARGES

DR.

January 1, 1907, to balance	\$26,939 88
Interest paid	1,440 00
Loss on incandescent lamps	361 45
Depreciation	3,000 00
Income used for construction	1,151 80
Shortage in cash, being sundry errors prior to March 4, 1907	25 25
Stable	200 00
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	\$33,118 38

CR.

Appropriation, maintenance	\$2,240 00
Appropriation, depreciation	3,000 00
Appropriation, Commissioners' salaries	225 00
Appropriation, Superintendent's salary	1,000 00
Motor not in inventory Dec. 31, 1906	157 59
Motor not in inventory Dec. 31, 1906	75 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$6,697 59

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	6,697 59
Profit in wiring account	328 77
Profit in manufacturing	1,553 95
Interest on deposits	12 74
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	\$ 8,593 05
Balance, Dec. 31, 1907	24,525 33
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	\$33,118 38

BALANCE SHEET

DR.

Cash in bank	\$ 23 21
Cash in treasury, Superintendent's acct. .	187 21
Petty cash	100 00
Cash in Mechanics' Savings Bank, customers' deposits	342 85
Due from customers, commercial accounts .	964 63
“ “ “ domestic accounts .	1,425 70
“ “ “ town accounts .	927 02
“ “ “ electric power accounts .	263 03
“ “ “ meter rents .	85 80
“ “ “ wiring, labor, fixtures .	95 64
“ “ “ incandescent lamps .	34 04
Wiring stock, etc., on hand	299 64
Real estate	12,316 87
Steam plant	7,748 25
Electric plant	7,657 61
Lines	18,572 21
Arc lamps	3,528 55
Meters	6,205 48
Converters	5,594 19
Office furniture	372 95
Fuel on hand	519 20
Oil and waste on hand	46 82
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$67,310 90

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$67,310 90
Station tools and appliances on hand	153 55
Repairs, lines, stock on hand	687 81
Carbons on hand	9 47
Globes on hand	19 76
Distribution tools and appliances on hand	34 15
Incandescent lamps on hand	511 05
Stable account	330 00
Insurance account	242 87
Due from special committee	11 06
Bad debts	115 94
Motors	333 47
Repairs steam plant	10 25
Repairs electric plant	140 00
Profit and loss	24,525 33
	————— \$94,435 61

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Bonds outstanding	\$34,000 00
Appropriations for bond payments	16,000 00
Appropriations for note payments	18,500 00
Appropriations for construction	20,645 04
Overdraft construction	3,211 64
Accrued interest	360 00
Deposits in Mechanics' Savings Bank	342 85
Accounts payable	1,376 08
	————— \$94,435 61

We would call attention to the fact that all costs of Incandescent Lamps in last year's report were charged to the Manufacturing Account to the amount of \$295.00. If this had been charged to Profit and Loss direct, as this year, last year's loss in Manufacturing would have been \$458.47. This year \$361.45 is charged to Profit and Loss for incandescent lamp cost, and profit in Manufacturing is \$1,553.95.

The department has no night patrolman for the arc circuits. As such is the case we would deem it a favor if any citizen would report when an arc light near his property is out.

Eighty-six new customers have been added during the year, which adds about 2,000 lights to our connected load, making a total of 11,319 lamps connected.

Table showing earnings of light and power for four years :

LIGHTS				
	1904	1905	1906	1907
Total	\$12,893.33	\$13,477.41	\$15,737.45	\$18,619.16
Less discounts allowed for cash payments	982.38	1,120.23	1,867.39	2,349.28
Net	\$11,910.95	\$12,357.18	\$13,870.06	\$16,269.88
POWER				
			1906	1907
Total			\$434.41	\$1,787.82
Less discounts allowed for cash payments			1.75	.58
Net			\$432.66	\$1,787.24
NET TOTAL LIGHT AND POWER				
	1904	1905	1906	1907
	\$11,910.95	\$12,357.18	\$14,302.72	\$18,057.12

GEORGE L. FLINT
FRANK W. WILLIS
WILLIAM C. BUCK

Municipal Light Board.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$900 00
Proceeds of Dog Tax, 1906	666 80
Credit (refund, Library Bureau)	6 75

EXPENSES

Rent:	
Odd Fellows' Building Association	\$600 00

Salaries:	
Bertha L. Brown, librarian	\$275 00
Clover Granger, assistant	35 00
C. H. Stinchfield, janitor	38 00
	\$348 00

Books:	
A. W. Wilson Co.	\$10 00
Chas. Scribners' Sons	5 50
H. M. Meek Pub. Co.	2 50
Chas. E. Lauriat Co.	51 71
Old Corner Book Store, Inc.	361 06
	\$430 77

Periodicals:	
A. W. Danforth, subscriptions	\$64 45

Sundries:	
Insurance	\$60 00
H. R. Johnson, repairs	9 63
Municipal Light Board	1 20
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	31 00
Library Bureau, supplies	28 50
	\$130 33

\$1,573 55	\$1,573 55
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FINE ACCOUNT

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1907	\$127 68	
Received from sale of catalogues, cards, fines, etc.	70 75	
	<hr/>	\$198 43
Paid expressage and incidentals	\$16 92	
Paid bookbinding	40 20	
	<hr/>	\$57 12
Balance		\$141 31

The following volumes have been presented to the library :

NAMES OF DONORS .	NO. OF VOLUMES
U. S. Documents	9
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	23
Others	15
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	47
Number of new volumes added Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1907	222
Total number in library	11,108
Circulation, year ending Dec. 3, 1907	17,895
Largest single month, March	2,071
Smallest, September	1,034

The volumes of fiction contained in the second alcove of the library have received new numbers. The change is thus described in a report made by the librarian to the Trustees :

"The new numbers are made up of the first letter of the author's name, an arbitrary number, and the first letter of the title. For example, *The Shuttle*, by Burnett, carries the number "B934s." Juvenile fiction has the letter J preceding the number. Thus *Barbour's Four in Camp* carries the number "JB234f." This system of numbering makes it possible to always keep together the books by a given author, a great convenience to the librarian and to those who go to the open shelves to select them. The only dis-

advantage is that the numbers have been changed from those in the printed catalogues for works of fiction numbered from 211.1 to 288.27. The books are correctly numbered on the card catalogue, and the bulletins issued of books purchased in 1906-07 have the correct numbers, since all fiction purchased during the last two years has been given the new notation. Those who cannot come to the library to consult the card catalogue, or who prefer to prepare their lists at home, may send the title and author desired, as the books can then be found quite readily by the librarian.

The change in numbering has caused no special inconvenience to patrons. The work of re-numbering the remainder of the fiction will be carried on in the spare time not occupied by regular library duties."

The librarian also says:

"The children between the ages of 10 and 14, who were first given library privileges last year, still remain interested. Their coming and going after the schools close renders the library less quiet than formerly at that hour, but this can hardly be avoided as long as the delivery and reading rooms are not separated. On the whole, the younger children give less trouble on account of discipline than some of the older boys. Limiting the access to the open shelves to those over 14 years of age, and an arrangement of bars so that those going to the alcoves must pass directly by the attendant at the delivery desk, facilitates the control of the library."

During the year 222 volumes have been added to the library, not including, however, about 181 volumes purchased out of the appropriation for the year but not received in time to catalogue before January 1. These have since been placed in circulation.

As usual the new books have been displayed on open shelves for the immediate inspection of readers. The librarian will at all times refer persons interested to the newest accessions, and give all possible aid in making a selection of interesting and important new books.

Besides a considerable number of books intended for young readers and the fiction added during the year, the following are a few of the recent titles in different departments of literature.

In Biography, we have Ralph Waldo Emerson (by Prof. Woodberry; literary criticism); Walter Pater, by Wright; Longfellow (Sketch by Prof. Norton); Carl Schurtz (Autobiography); William Pitt Fessenden; Washington (Seven Ages, popular treatment of his life, brief and readable); Patrick Henry (the true Patrick Henry); Napoleon; Cavour; Whittier; John Harvard (interesting and popular treatment); Jay Cooke; Alfred Tennyson. All of these are late publications.

In the field of Travel many excellent books have been added, nearly all of them profusely illustrated. Both sides of the Congo question will be found fully presented in different volumes. The Opening of Thibet outlines explorations in a country until recently but little known. Peary's Nearest the Pole, and Hoare's Arctic Explorations, narrate important events in the far north, from the earliest times to the recent voyages of Abruzzi and Wellman. From Uganda to Khartoum is a record of travel, adventure and missionary work on the Upper Nile. There are also The Top of the Continent (discovery and adventure in Alaska); In Widest Africa (with the flashlight and rifle in the wilderness); the Land in the Mountains (past and present in the Tyrol); books relating to South America, that comparatively little known part of our own Continent; Italy (its art, literature and romance); Holland, Mexico, Germany, Poland, Old and New Japan, and others perhaps equally noteworthy.

The department of Science, Natural History, Out-door Life, etc., includes among others, Elementary Meteorology, by Davis; Practical Meteorology, by Ward; Bird Life, by Chapman; Book of the Ocean, by Ingersoll; Useful Birds and their Protection, by Forbush (an exceedingly interesting and useful treatment of the subject); New Creations in Plant Life (Burbank); Health through Self-Control (Spinney); Nutrition of Man (Chittenden); Soils (important for farmers and gardeners); also Our Domestic Animals, Practical Farming, and several books on Gardening; Camp and Trail; Bait Angling for Fishes; Mosses and Lichens; Earthquakes (popular treatment of the subject); The Field and Forest Handy Book; Book of Camping and Woodcraft; Experiments in Aerodynamics; and the Training of Wild Animals (Bostock).

In History we have several new volumes in the "American Nation" series, including Hosmer's readable civil war volumes, *The Appeal to Arms* and *the Outcome of the Civil War*; and Dunning's *Reconstruction Period*. Volume 6 of McMaster's *History of the People of the United States* has also been added. There are also condensed and readable histories of England, Ireland and Scotland; France; Germany; Italy; Russia; and Spain; *Old New York*; *Old Steamboat Days*; and *Ancient Athens*. The history of the Churches of America; *The Spirit of Old West Point*; *The Last Days of Marie Antoinette*; *From Sail to Steam*; and the *History of Commerce*, as well as the very interesting *Old Paths and Legends in New England* should be mentioned.

There are books relating to Art and Music, such as *Music to the Death of Schubert*; and *The National Gallery (Early and Later British Art)*; and various miscellaneous works of present interest or relating to current affairs, such as *Municipal ownership (in Great Britain, by Meyer)*; and *The Dangers of Municipal Ownership, by Porter*; *The Romance of Steel* (popular account of the development of the steel industry in the United States); *Money and Investments, and others*.

We have pointed out a few of the leading accessions in the hope that the attention of readers may be drawn to them. The titles of these, and of all other recent additions may be found on the card catalogue, which has now become a permanent feature of the library, promoting, we trust, the convenience of those who wish to take out books.

In the selection of books for purchase the Trustees have endeavored to supply something of interest to all classes. In a small library like ours, with limited resources, only representative works in each department of literature can be added each year. We have this year purchased some of the best books for young readers, and some of the leading novels, especially those by writers of reputation. Many of the works of fiction that are now published however, are of but temporary vogue, stimulated by skilful adver-

tising, and after a few months are forgotten. Among the titles we have added in the department of fiction will be found Helena Richie; Alice-for-Short; Joseph Vance; The Stooping Lady; Fraulein Schmidt and Mr. Anstruther; The Shuttle; The Doctor; The Crested Seas; Major Vigoreaux; Sir John Constantine; The Lonely Lady of Grosvenor Square; The Cruise of the Shining Light; Capin Eri; Mr. Pratt; Marcia; Running Water; New Chronicles of Rebecca; Aunt Jane of Old Kentucky; The Lady of the Decoration; Lady Betty Across the Water; Puck of Pook's Hill; The Broken Road; The Loves of Pelleus and Etarre; Arethusa; The Ancient Law; The Old Peabody Pew; With Juliet in England; The Port of Missing Men; The Fruit of the Tree; Money Magic; etc.

There are, in the department of juvenile fiction, books especially for boys, some especially for girls, as well as standard works of general interest, such as Myths every Child should Know, (Mabie); Book of Ballad Stories, King Arthur and His Noble Knights; Book of Folk Stories, and Book of Legends (Scudder); Famous Legends, etc.

We close this reference list of new titles by mentioning a brief history of the town of Reading, England, which ought to have some interest for us, since but for that town Reading, Mass., would not have existed.

The librarian, Miss Brown, is entitled to our acknowledgment of faithful service rendered during the year.

Mr. Henry G. Kittredge and Mr. Arthur N. Mansfield, two members of the Board, have removed from town for the year. The vacancies have not been filled by us, but will require to be filled at the ensuing town meeting.

We recommend an appropriation at least as large as that granted during the present year, namely: \$900 in addition to the dog tax. During the year ensuing we shall be obliged to pay for the electric lighting of the library, an expense which for the last twelve months has been borne by the Municipal Light Depart-

ment. To that extent, unless our appropriation is enlarged, the amount to be spent for books will, for the coming year, be diminished, since no other item of expense can be reduced.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE G. WADLIN, Chairman

CYRUS M. BARROWS, Secretary

EDWARD P. GUILD

J. WOODWARD MANNING

Trustees.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	APPROPRIATION	SUNDRY CREDITS	TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDING APPROPRIATION	EXPENDED	UN-EXPENDED	OVER-DRAWN
Salaries of Town Officers.....	\$3,700 00	.....	\$3,700 00	\$3,724 49	.....	\$24 49
Town Building and Office.....	450 00	\$51 48	501 48	531 53	.....	30 05
Printing.....	700 00	.....	700 00	734 70	.....	34 70
Election Expenses.....	300 00	.....	300 00	248 00	\$52 00	.....
Soldiers' Relief.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	944 97	55 03	.....
Soldiers' Relief, Aect. Town of North Reading.....	.....	.....	.....	78 00	.....	78 00
Soldiers' Relief, Aect. Town of Marblehead.....	.....	.....	.....	48 00	.....	48 00
Burial Agent's Account.....	175 00	.....	175 00	179 00	.....	179 00
Decoration and Care of Soldiers' Graves.....	50 00	.....	50 00	175 00	.....	.....
Electric Lights G. A. R. Hall.....	2,800 00	.....	2,800 00	2,621 00	179 00	.....
State and Military Aid.....	.....	.....	.....	92 65	.....	92 65
Account Charles L. Huang.....	342 00	.....	342 00	342 00	.....	.....
Rent of Playground.....	150 00	.....	150 00	79 93	70 07	.....
Care and Improvement of Common and Parks.....	.....	1,131 60	1,131 60	66 00	1,065 60	.....
Swan Estates.....	100 00	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....
Band Concerts.....	12,750 00	.....	12,750 00	12,750 00	.....	.....
Reading Water Works.....	3,084 00	40 16	3,124 16	8,996 95	187 21	.....
Municipal Light and Power Plant, Special Committee.....	3,100 00	26,000 00	29,100 00	6,829 74	19,170 26	.....
Interest on School House Bonds.....	1,455 00	.....	1,455 00	3,080 00	20 00	.....
Interest on School House Notes.....	8,000 00	.....	8,000 00	1,455 00	.....	.....
School House Notes.....	2,000 00	.....	2,000 00	8,000 00	.....	.....
School House Bonds.....	2,000 00	.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	.....
High School Building.....	1,200 00	5,488 36	6,688 36	5,611 53	1,076 83	.....
Haven Street Note.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....
Interest.....	300 00	2,298 99	2,598 99	3,352 45	.....	753 47
Abatement of Taxes.....	300 00	52 82	352 82	959 45	12 87	.....
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	900 00	14 00	914 00	1,029 30	12 65	15 30
Taxes on Property Taken.....	1,000 00	368 97	1,368 97	356 41	.....	.....
Highways, Bridges and Repairs of Sidewalks.....	4,000 00	4,919 42	8,919 42	8,919 42	25 33	.....
Street Sprinkling.....	450 00	.....	450 00	424 67	70	.....
Concrete Work.....	350 00	.....	350 00	349 30	.....	.....
Removal of Snow and Ice.....	500 00	352 81	852 81	852 81	.....	.....
Kingston Street.....	300 00	13 15	313 15	313 15	.....	.....
High Street.....	100 00	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....
Fire Department.....	5,000 00	.....	5,000 00	4,970 29	29 71	49 54
Forest Fire.....	150 00	.....	150 00	199 54	.....	.....
Fire Department—Special Appropriation.....	600 00	.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....
Fire Dept.—Special Appropriation Extension Ladder.....	200 00	.....	200 00	198 00	2 00	.....
Fire Department—Special Appropriation Box 48.....	200 00	.....	200 00	195 98	14 02	.....
		.....	.....	4,919 77	16 00	.....

Laurel Hill Cemetery.....	800 00	911 50	1,711 50	1,762 59	.....	51 09
Tree Warden.....	150 00	3 50	153 50	149 61	3 89	.....
Moth Account.....	1,846 00	9,266 78	11,112 78	11,112 78	.....	.....
Overseers of the Poor.....	3,300 00	1,985 71	5,285 71	4,619 34	666 37	.....
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	.....	.....	.....	324 98	.....	324 98
City of Cambridge.....	.....	.....	.....	168 74	.....	168 74
Town of Wilmington.....	.....	.....	.....	201 49	.....	201 49
Town of Norfolk.....	.....	.....	.....	113 25	.....	113 25
Town of Canton.....	.....	.....	.....	44 28	.....	44 28
Schools.....	28,000 00	1,442 39	29,442 39	29,442 39	.....	.....
School Incidentals.....	5,000 00	743 32	5,743 32	5,743 08	.....	.....
Public Library.....	900 00	673 55	1,573 55	1,573 55	24	.....
	\$107,002 00	\$55,785 22	\$162,987 22	\$142,856 01	\$22,054 50	\$2,523 29
Unexpended.....	22,654 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Overdrawn.....	2,523 29	.....	20,131 21	.....	.....	.....
Expenses for Year 1907.....	.....	.....	\$142,856 01	.....	.....	.....
Add Temporary Loans.....	.....	.....	76,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Total Selectmen's Orders.....	.....	.....	218,856 01	.....	.....	.....
Expenses above.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Temporary Loan Note Due.....	.....	142,856 01	.....	.....	.....	.....
Less following amounts due on account year 1907.....	.....	2,000 00	140,856 01	.....	.....	.....
State and Military Aid.....	2,621 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth of Mass., account Burial Agent.....	179 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth of Mass., Poor Account.....	324 98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth of Mass., Moth Account.....	844 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
City of Cambridge.....	168 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town of North Reading.....	78 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town of Marblehead.....	48 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town of Wilmington.....	201 49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town of Norfolk.....	113 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town of Canton.....	67 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charles L. Haag.....	92 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Net Expenses.....	.....	.....	4,739 02	.....	.....	.....
Less Sundry Credits for 1907 as above.....	.....	.....	136,116 99	.....	.....	.....
Amount raised by Taxation and Appropriation from Available Assets.....	.....	.....	55,985 22	.....	.....	.....
	.....	.....	80,131 77	.....	.....	.....

Dr.

EDWARD F. PARKER, Treasurer,

January 13, To cash in Treasury.....	\$2,777 85
To cash received from County Treasurer, Dog Tax.....	666 80
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax balance, 1906.....	323 58
" " " " National Bank Tax, 1906.....	48 30
" " " " Outside Poor Account.....	247 58
" " " " Corporation Tax, 1907.....	3,802 56
" " " " National Bank Tax, 1907.....	607 34
" " " " Military Aid, 1906.....	18 00
" " " " State Aid, 1906.....	2,344 00
" " " " Burial of Soldiers.....	70 00
" " " " Street Railroad Excise Tax.....	2,551 66
" " " " Wellington Bridge Overcharge, 1906.....	163 99
" " " " Moth Account.....	7,409 21
" " " " Highway Account.....	1,284 90
" " " " Tuition of School Children.....	245 00
" " " " Hired Money, Temporary Loans.....	78,000 00
" " " " Municipal Light Bonds sold.....	26,000 00
" " " " Interest accrued on bonds sold.....	256 78
" " " " H. M. Viall, Collector, Redemption Tax.....	368 97
" " " " H. M. Viall, Collector, Taxes paid after Abatement.....	52 32
" " " " H. M. Viall, Collector, Railroad Excise Tax.....	2,390 94
" " " " H. M. Viall, Postage Returned.....	1 48
" " " " H. M. Viall, List, 1905.....	8,334 73
" " " " H. M. Viall, List, 1906.....	23,900 00
" " " " H. M. Viall, List, 1907.....	66,525 00
" " " " Overseers of the Poor, Town Home.....	2,001 71
" " " " Selectmen, License Fees.....	4 00
" " " " First National Bank, Interest.....	183 29
" " " " Supt. of Streets, Material Sold.....	81 55
" " " " Supt. of Schools, Tuition and Material Sold.....	76 04
" " " " School Committee, Services of Janitor.....	240 00
" " " " Supt. of Moths, Moth Account.....	966 36
" " " " Fourth District Court, Fines.....	216 00
" " " " Trustees of Cemetery, Lots Sold.....	510 00
" " " " Trustees of Cemetery, Interest Account.....	401 50
" " " " Thomas and Frank E. Appleton, Cemetery Bequest.....	150 00
" " " " Mary A. Gilman, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
" " " " A. Newell Howes, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
" " " " Mrs. Frances Todd, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
" " " " Mrs. Jennie F. Wright, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
" " " " Walter H. Norris, Cemetery Bequest.....	75 00
" " " " Miss Ella M. Damon, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
" " " " Mrs. M. Elizabeth Broad, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
" " " " Town of North Reading, Tuition.....	1,506 67
" " " " Town of Wilmington, Outside Poor.....	174 43
" " " " Town of Canton, Outside Poor.....	48 00
" " " " Town of Wakefield, Outside Poor.....	40 71
" " " " Town of Norfolk, Outside Poor.....	50 26
" " " " Town of Andover, Outside Poor.....	28 38
" " " " Town of Marblehead, Outside Poor.....	24 00
" " " " City of Cambridge.....	86 26
" " " " Alden Spear & Co., Rebate on Oil.....	5 22
" " " " Building Committee, Material Sold.....	103 20
" " " " Police Licenses, Fees, Services, etc.....	17 21
" " " " Swan Estate.....	1,131 60
" " " " M. F. Charles, Clerk, License Fees.....	54 00
" " " " Supt. of Schools, R. R. Tickets Sold.....	118 00
" " " " Tree Warden, Material Sold.....	3 50
" " " " Municipal Light Board.....	40 16
" " " " New England Tel. & Tel. Co. (Moth Account).....	81 70
" " " " Public Library Bel paid twice.....	6 75

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING, Cr.

Oct. 31, 1907,	By Paying County Tax	\$5,081 62
Nov. 15, 1907,	State Tax	5,760 00
Nov. 15, 1907,	National Bank Tax.....	482 13
Nov. 15, 1907,	Wellington Bridge Tax.....	372 74
Nov. 15, 1907,	Interest on Wellington Bridge Tax.....	72 45
Nov. 15, 1907,	Cost of Maintenance of Bridge.....	22 78
Nov. 15, 1907,	Repairs on State Highway.....	186 80
Nov. 15, 1907,	Selectmen's Orders, Nos. 1 to 1306.....	218,856 01
	By Cash in Treasury, January 13, 1908.....	6,536 91
		<hr/> \$237,371 44

EDWARD F. PARKER,
Treasurer.

Reading, January 13, 1908.

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, Treasurer, IN ACCOUNT

To Cash in Treasury, January, 1907.....	\$9 33
" Received from Water Commissioners.....	18,101 88
" Received from First National Bank, Interest.....	36 87
" Received Hired Money, Temporary Loan.....	2,500 00
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	\$20,648 08

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, Treas., IN ACCOUNT WITH

To Cash in Treasury, January, 1907....	\$7 87
" Received from First National Bank, Interest.....	11 72
" Received from Municipal Light Commissioners .	28,468 43
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	\$28,488 02

WITH TOWN OF READING WATER SUPPLY Cr.

By Paying Water Commissioners' Orders.....	\$20,637 28
By Cash in Treasury, January, 1908	10 80
	<hr/> \$20,648 08

EDWARD F. PARKER,
Treasurer.

Reading, January 11, 1908.

TOWN OF READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD, Cr.

By Paying Municipal Light Commissioners' Orders.....	\$28,464 81
By Cash in Treasury, January, 1908.....	23 21
	<hr/> \$28,488 02

EDWARD F. PARKER,
Treasurer.

Reading, January 6, 1908.

AUDITORS' REPORT

LIABILITIES

Water bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1908	\$194,000 00
Interest accrued on same	709 03
Water note outstanding Jan. 1, 1908	2,500 00
Interest accrued on same	8 75
Electric light bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1908	60,000 00
Interest accrued on same	632 50
School bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1908	116,000 00
Interest accrued on same	906 02
Cemetery notes (non-interest bearing)	600 00
Temporary loans	37,200 00
Interest accrued on same	515 86
Highway note due Dec. 7, 1908	1,000 00
Interest accrued on same	2 67
Road roller notes	1,300 00
Miscellaneous debts	138 41

TRUST FUNDS

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield	\$100 00
“ Thomas Sweetser	100 00
“ Sabrina Nichols	100 00
“ Martha Pike	25 00
“ Sarah Batchelder	25 00
“ T. T. Greenwood	500 00
“ Mark Temple	100 00
“ Susan Wright, Elizabeth Pres- ton and Margaret Gilman	75 00
“ Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson	100 00
“ Sevena Coggin	100 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,225 00</u>

	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,225 00
Bequest of Margaret Towne		100 00
" Lucretia A. Hopkins and Elias		
Boardman		150 00
" Sarah Smith		100 00
" Gilman D. Kingman		100 00
" Rosamond C. Pratt		100 00
" Mary F. Harnden		100 00
" Mary B. Wakefield		100 00
" James A. Bancroft, Ex. P. Jane		
Batchelder		100 00
" Arthur D. Kingman, Ex. Gardner		
French		50 00
" Estate of P. A. Corkins		100 00
" Dorinda R. Pratt, Ex. T. B.		
Pratt		200 00
" Mary Ann McAllister		100 00
" Gilman A. Coggin		100 00
" Mary Ann McAllister for Joseph		
Bryant		50 00
" Mary Evans		50 00
" Frederick Bancroft, Ex. Harriett		
B. Bancroft		51 95
" Estate of Samuel Pierce		100 00
" D. W. Berry, Ex. Caroline Ham-		
mond		100 00
" William L. Crowe		100 00
" Heirs of George C. Coney		100 00
" Heirs of Sherman Chase		75 00
" Estate of Isaac M. Clark		100 00
" " Anna G. Butler		150 00
" " Mary E. Badger		100 00
" " Heil J. Nelson		200 00
" " John Burrill		100 00
	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$3,901 95

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$3,901 95
Bequest of estate of F. O. Dewey . .		300 00
“ “ S. H. Dinsmore . .		100 00
“ Mary J. Kimball . .		50 00
“ Alden and Lois D. Batchelder . .		100 00
“ Estate of Charles A. Weston . .		100 00
“ Henry F. Parker . .		100 00
“ Sarah D. Eaton . .		100 00
“ Heirs James H. Bancroft . .		75 00
“ Mary W. Pratt . .		50 00
“ Climena Wakefield . .		100 00
“ Estate Louisa M. Eaton . .		100 00
“ Maria E. Waitt . .		100 49
“ Adrien Mertens . .		200 00
“ Albert B. Gleason . .		50 00
“ Frances P. Dow . .		100 00
“ Estate Thomas Richardson . .		100 00
“ Helen M. Sherman . .		50 00
“ Fannie Cottrell . .		50 00
“ Charles E. Hall . .		100 00
“ Lucy W. Parker . .		75 00
“ Estate Martha R. Temple . .		100 00
“ Estate Needham Nichols . .		100 00
“ Mary W. Pratt . .		50 00
“ Mrs. James T. Norris . .		30 00
“ Estate Francis Kingman . .		100 00
“ Estate Albert Nichols . .		100 00
“ George L. Smith . .		200 00
“ Susan A. Martin . .		100 00
“ Maria Carter . .		100 00
“ Hubbard and Elbridge Copeland and Leander Willey . .		150 00
“ John Draffin . .		100 00
“ Hattie D. Pond, Executrix . .		100 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<hr/> \$7,132 44

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$7,132 44
Bequest of Trustees of Laura Frost . . .	50 00
“ Abby C. Clapp . . .	100 00
“ Emily Alice Jones . . .	100 00
“ Emma M. Brown . . .	75 00
“ F. Eliza Kingman . . .	100 00
“ Edward T. Pendergrast . . .	100 00
“ Fannie A. Morton . . .	100 00
“ Lewis M. Bancroft . . .	50 00
“ Caroline L. White . . .	50 00
“ Hannah C. Cochrane . . .	50 00
“ Charles W. Cochrane . . .	200 00
“ Edgar M. Knight . . .	100 00
“ Reuben Weston . . .	100 00
“ J. B. Hopkins . . .	100 00
“ T. P. M. Wiggin . . .	100 00
“ Joseph H. Gleason . . .	50 00
“ Mary Norwood . . .	50 00
“ Lyman Whiting . . .	50 00
“ Ellen M. Carr . . .	100 00
“ Emma S. Nelson . . .	100 00
“ Henry E. Holden, Adm. . .	50 00
“ C. E. Skillings . . .	100 00
“ Isaac Munroe . . .	100 00
“ William H. Wightman . . .	100 00
“ Lizzie B. Davis . . .	100 00
“ Hubbard E. Cox . . .	80 00
“ Helen C. Prentiss . . .	100 00
“ Louise Leathe . . .	100 00
“ Arthur M. Coons . . .	75 00
“ Thomas and F. E. Appleton . . .	150 00
“ Mary A. Gilman . . .	100 00
“ A. Newell Howes . . .	100 00
“ Mrs. Frances Todd . . .	100 00
“ James F. Wright . . .	100 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$10,212 44

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$10,212 44
" Ella M. Damon . . .	100 00
" M. Elizabeth Broad . . .	100 00
" Walter H. Norris . . .	75 00
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	\$10,487 44
Interest accrued on above funds not yet expended	720 14
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	\$11,207 58
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Total Liabilities	\$426,720 82
ASSETS	
Unpaid taxes due Oct. 1, 1906 . . .	\$ 8,269 80
Unpaid taxes due Oct. 1, 1907 . . .	37,426 16
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes . . .	1,181 63
Due from State Aid account . . .	2,621 00
" Commonwealth of Mass. (Burial)	179 00
" Commonwealth of Mass. (Poor)	324 98
" Commonwealth of Mass. (Moth)	844 63
" Property Owners (Moth) . . .	1,687 46
Amount refunded Treas., account taxes on property taken	132 57
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	\$52,667 23
Due from Town of Wilmington . . .	201 49
" City of Cambridge . . .	168 74
" Town of Canton . . .	67 28
" Town of Marblehead . . .	48 00
" Town of Norfolk . . .	113 25
" Town of North Reading . . .	78 00
" Charles L. Haag . . .	675 59
" Concreting account . . .	76 53
Cash in Treasury	6,536 91
Cash in Treasury (water supply) . . .	10 80
Cash in Treasury (electric light) . . .	23 21
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	\$60,667 03

AVAILABLE ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES

Uncollected taxes, accrued interest and accounts due	\$54,096 11
Cash in Treasury	6,536 91
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	\$60,633 02
Interest on school bonds	\$906 02
Interest on bequests	720 14
Temporary loans and interest	37,715 86
Interest on Highway note	2 67
Miscellaneous debts	138 41
Unexpended balance Street Railway tax available for Highway purposes only	892 82
Unexpended balance of proceeds of Electric Light bond issue	19,170 26
Unexpended balance, available for High School building only	1,076 83
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	\$60,623 01
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	\$10 01

BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
1908			
April 21	\$2,000 00		
June 1			\$7,000 00
July 10	2,000 00		
August 1	2,000 00		
October 1		\$3,000 00	
November 1	5,000 00		
December 21	1,000 00		
1909			
April 21	2,000 00		
June 1			7,000 00
August 1	3,000 00		
October 1		3,000 00	
November 1	5,000 00		
December 21	1,000 00		

MATURITY			SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
1910					
April 21	.	.	2,000 00		
June 1	.	.			7,000 00
August 1	.	.	3,000 00		
October 1	.	.		3,000 00	
November 1	.	.	5,000 00		
December 21	.	.	1,000 00		
1911					
June 1	.	.			7,000 00
August 1	.	.	3,000 00		
October 1	.	.		3,000 00	
November 1	.	.	4,000 00		
December 21	.	.	1,000 00		
1912					
March 15	.	.			10,000 00
June 1	.	.			7,000 00
August 1	.	.	3,000 00		
October 1	.	.		3,000 00	
November 1	.	.	4,000 00		
December 21	.	.	1,000 00		
1913					
June 1	.	.			7,000 00
August 1	.	.	3,000 00		
October 1	.	.		3,000 00	
November 1	.	.	4,000 00		
December 21	.	.	1,000 00		
1914					
June 1	.	.			7,000 00
August 1	.	.	3,000 00		
October 1	.	.		3,000 00	
November 1	.	.	4,000 00		
December 21	.	.	1,000 00		

MATURITY		SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
1915				
June 1				7,000 00
August 1	3,000 00			
October 1			3,000 00	
1915				
November 1	4,000 00			
December 21	1,000 00			
1916				
June 1				12,000 00
October 1			3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00			
December 21	1,000 00			
1917				
June 1				12,000 00
October 1			3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00			
December 21	1,000 00			
1918				
June 1				12,000 00
October 1			3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00			
1919				
June 1				12,000 00
October 1			3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00			
1920				
June 1				12,000 00
October 1			3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00			
1921				
June 1				12,000 00
October 1			3,000 00	
November 1	4,000 00			

MATURITY		SCHOOL	ELECT. LIGHT	WATER
1922				
June 1	. . .			12,000 00
October 1	. . .		3,000 00	
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TOWN WARRANT



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S. S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lower Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the second day of March, A. D. 1908, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for two years (unexpired term), one Trustee of the Public Library for one year (unexpired term), two members of the School Committee for three years, one member of

the School Committee for one year (unexpired term), three Auditors, and one Tree Warden for one year; also on same ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the following question: "Shall licences be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"; and also on the same ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the following question: "Shall the Town accept the provisions of Section 20, Chapter 106, of the Revised Laws?"

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this third day of February, A. D. 1908. .

JAMES W. KILLAM

OLIVER L. AKERLEY

GEORGE L. PRATT

Selectmen of Reading.

TOWN WARRANT



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S. S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of

Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the second day of March, A. D. 1908, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Tree Warden, and Special Committees.

Art. 3. To choose all other Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Moth Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Work, Miscellaneous Expenses, Tree Warden, and Rent of Playground.

Art. 5. To see what sum the Town will raise, and appropriate the same, together with the unexpended balance of \$187.21 of last year, and the receipts of the Municipal Light and Power Department for the year 1908, for the maintenance, operation, repairs and new construction of said plant, and for the payment of Bonds, Interest and Depreciation due by said department during this year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp on Kingston street midway between Middlesex avenue and Mt. Vernon street, and how much money

they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp at the junction of Willow street and Summer avenue, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp at a point opposite the estate of the late J. B. Severence, on West street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp on Willow street near the Boston & Maine railroad crossing, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp on South street at a point between the residences of W. H. Clarke and Joseph Marshall, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 11. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, ater for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 12. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of th Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1st, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 13. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the

sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand one hundred and fifty-five dollars to meet the interest on School House Notes and Bonds.

Art. 16. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School house lot note for two thousand dollars due April 21, 1908.

Art. 17. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Note for five thousand dollars due November 1, 1908.

Art. 18. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Note for one thousand dollars due December 21, 1908.

Art. 19. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment on School House Note for two thousand dollars due July 10, 1908.

Art. 20. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment on Main Street Note for one thousand dollars due December 7, 1908.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will purchase land for a playground, and how much money they will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to concrete the sidewalk on the north side of Woburn street from Temple street running easterly to the present concrete, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to concrete the sidewalk on the northeasterly side of High street from Woburn street to Chute street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars for the purpose of extending the sidewalk on the westerly side of High street from a point near the residence of Benjamin Manning to Gould avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to build a sidewalk on the westerly side of Highland street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to concrete the sidewalk on the easterly side of Harnden street from Pleasant street to Union street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to repair Hopkins street from South Main street running in an easterly direction for a distance of nine hundred feet, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to complete the gymnasium in the High School building, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to extend the water main on South street in order to connect with the water main on West street and provide suitable hydrants for the protection of property in that section against fire, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will furnish the firemen with rubber boots and southwester hats, and how much money they will appropriate for the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will make the pay of its firemen fifty dollars per year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to lay a floor in the room

which is occupied by the steamer and hose wagon, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Trustees of the Cemetery to build a new fence on the northern boundary of the Cemetery, from Main street to the passageway near the tool house, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars towards defraying the expenses of band concerts for the coming summer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to furnish creosote free to citizens of the Town to paint gypsy moth nests, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to continue or discontinue the present Town Home, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 37. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 38. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to keep the arc lamps lighted all night and every night, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this third day of February, A. D. 1908.

JAMES W. KILLAM

OLIVER L. AKERLEY

GEORGE L. PRATT

Selectmen of Reading.

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